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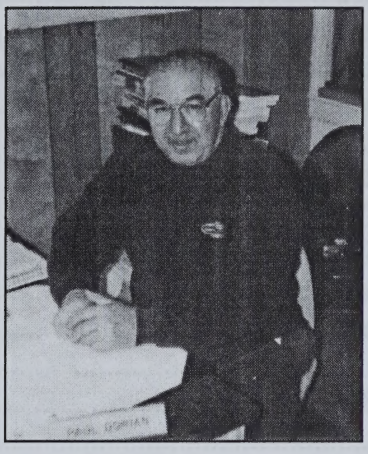
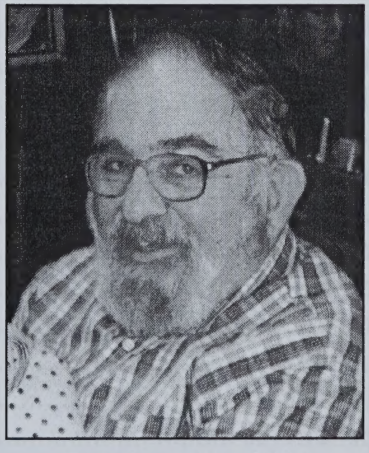
In Memory of Paul Dorian
And
Ralph Kazanjian



Paul - 1933-2008
Zoning/Codes Officer 1989-1998, 2004-2007
Tax Collector 2002-2004
Emergency Management Director 2005
Planning Board 1999-2007



Ralph - 1936-2008
Treasurer 1993-2000, 2007-2008
Planning Board 2001-2006, 2007-2008

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator: Donald G. Johnson, 2010

Town Clerk
A. Elizabeth Priebe, 2010

Treasurer
Ralph Kazanjian, 2010

Trustee of Trust Funds
Patricia McCoy, 2009
Paul Wheeler, 2010
Sue Brown, 2011

Conservation Commission
Susan Hoople, 2009
Greg Bossart, 2009
Justin Brooks, 2010
Stephen Jones, 2010
Robert Hatch, 2010
Beth Earle, 2011
Robert Oram, 2011

Planning Board
Brian Hampton, 2009
Barry Rollins, 2009
Ralph Kazanjian, 2010
Anne Cunningham, 2010
Peter Schiller, 2011
Anne-Marie Battles, 2011
Leslie Babb, Sel. Rep.

Fire Chief/Forest Fire Warden
Gene Doe, Jr.

Police Chief
Josh Shackford

Administrative Assistant
Karen Hatch

Town Buildings Custodian/
Transfer Station Operator
Justin Brooks

Road Agent
Scott Brooks, 2010

Zoning Officer
Ned Hatfield

Building Inspector
Robert Babine

Animal Control
Jo Anne Gayer

Selectmen
Donna Cupka, 2009
James Brown, 2010
Leslie Babb, 2011

Town Forest Advisory Board
Chuck Depew, 2009
Rob Hatch, 2010
Peter Schiller, 2011
Katie Gove, 2011
Steve Jones, 2011
Donna Cupka

Tax Collector
Annette Babb, 2011

Library Trustees
Margaret Scully, 2009
Karen Schiller, 2010
Anne Cunningham, 2011

Zoning Board of Adjustment
Craig Niiler, 2009
Ron Champagne, 2009
Karl Ogren, 2010
Todd Desmarais, 2010
Scott Lees, 2011
Howard Bouvé, Jr., Alt.
Paul Wheeler, Alt.
William Stoops, Alt.
Maynard Thomson, Alt.
Timothy Cupka, Alt.

Safety Officer
Kelly McClare

Emergency Management Directors
Gene Doe/Justin Brooks

Supervisors of the Checklist
Daniel Brooks, 2010
Albert Godfrey, 2012
Patricia McCoy, 2014

Cemetery Trustees
Sue Brown, 2009
Paul Wheeler, 2010
Elizabeth Godfrey, 2011

RULES OF PROCEDURE

According to RSA 40, the town Moderator determines the procedures to be used in Town Meetings. The Moderator determines the rules without regard to parliamentary or other procedural rules. The voters can overturn the Moderator's rules at any time, however. A motion to overturn the Moderator's rules, or establish new rules, will always take precedence to other business which is already "on the floor".

So that you will know the ground rules by which we are maintaining order, these procedural rules are announced to you ahead of time.

- The Moderator will read each article in its entirety before that article is considered.
- There can be no discussion until there has been a motion under the article. (usually the first motion is to approve the article as it appears on the warrant)
- All motions must be seconded by a different individual.
- Discussion will only take place after a motion has been moved and seconded.
- All discussion must take place only when called upon by the Moderator. You must have permission from the Moderator before you can speak.
- When the Moderator recognizes you, standup, speak out loudly and announce your name before proceeding with your comments.
- If you want to change a portion of a motion, you can do so by making an amendment. We will consider only one move to amend at any given time. When discussion regarding an amendment comes to a conclusion, the amendment will be voted upon. If the amendment passes we will then continue considering the original motion as it has now been amended. If the amendment fails, we will return to considering the motion in its form prior to the motion to amend.
- A secret written ballot will be used on any article when requested by any 5 voters in writing (RSA 40:4-a).
- A vote will be re-tabulated by secret written ballot when requested in writing or orally by only 7 voters (RSA 40:40b). This action must be requested before we have already moved onto the next item of business.

One final word of advice from your Moderator: If you want to get action from the Town Meeting, you have to make a motion. It's okay to get up and ask a question or make a comment (as long as it's relevant to what's on the table), but if you want the Town Meeting to discuss and vote on your idea, you have to get it on the table with a motion. Let's work together to have a successful and efficient meeting.

Thank you,
Donald Johnson, Moderator

TOWN OF FREEDOM, N.H.
TOWN MEETING – MARCH 11, 2008

WARRANT - MINUTES

Town meeting and the election of officers were both held on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, commencing at 9:00 a.m. at the Freedom Town Hall.

The Moderator, Donald Johnson, reviewed election procedures with the election workers in the downstairs of the Town Hall and then opened the polls for voting. Election workers present were: Donald Johnson, Moderator, Libby Priebe, Town Clerk, Sue Brown, Deputy Town Clerk, Beth Earle, Assistant Moderator, Rochelle Brooks and Alice Haslett, Ballot Clerks, and Peter Schiller, Gatekeeper. Daniel Brooks, Albert Godfrey and Pat McCoy, Supervisors of the Checklist, were also present, assisted by Ralph Kazanjian.

After opening the polls downstairs, Mr. Johnson went upstairs to commence the deliberative portion of town meeting.

The Moderator, Donald Johnson, welcomed everybody to the meeting and pointed out what a privilege the town meeting process is. Mr. Johnson also noted that we were using a new procedure this year to expedite the process. As people were coming in through the doors in to the upstairs of the Town Hall, Pat McCoy, one of the supervisors of the checklist, assisted by Ralph Kazanjian, were checking people off of the checklist and providing green index cards for voting purposes. By using this procedure, if any of the warrant articles come to a written ballot, it will not be necessary to have everybody go through the checklist process again to vote.

Mr. Johnson then brought our attention to Page 117 of the Town Report which lists all of the townspeople we have lost during 2007 and made special note of Robert Fowler, a long-time election worker to whom our Town Report is dedicated this year, and to the loss of Paul Dorian (Building Inspector) who died in January of this year (2008), and asked for a moment of silence in their honor.

Mr. Johnson then led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, explained the rules of procedure and commenced the meeting with the reading of the Warrant:

To the inhabitants of the Town of Freedom in the County of Carroll in said state, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Freedom will be held at the Freedom Town Hall on Tuesday the 11th day of March 2008 at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects.

There will be voting by Official Ballot for the election of Town Officers and for adoption of Zoning Amendments. The polls open at 9:00am and close at 7:00pm unless
there is a vote to keep the polls open to a later hour. The ballots will be counted after the polls close at 7:00pm.

All other articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon beginning at 9:00am at the Freedom Town Hall.

Mr. Johnson read the first three Articles and pointed out that these are written warrant articles and are being voted on at the polls downstairs.

For the purposes of these minutes, the results are included herein.

ARTICLE 1: (To vote by Official Ballot)

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

TOWN OFFICES:

Selectman – three (3) years:	Leslie R. Babb	146
	Arthur J. Battles	99
Write-in:	Anne Cunningham	1

Leslie R. Babb was declared the winner.

Moderator – two (2) years:	Donald G. Johnson	228

No write-ins.

Donald G. Johnson was declared the winner.

Tax Collector – three (3) years:

	Annette M. Babb	184
Write-ins:	Tom Kondrat	6
	Karl Ogren	1

Annette M. Babb was declared the winner.

Supervisor of the Checklist – six (6) years:

	Patricia E. McCoy	206

No write-ins.

Patricia E. McCoy was declared the winner.

Planning Board – [vote for two] – three (3) year term:

	Anne-Marie Sweeney Battles	158
	Peter W. Schiller	190
Write-ins:	Brian Hampton	1
	Don Bossi	1
	Josh Battles	1

Anne-Marie Sweeney Battles and Peter W. Schiller were declared the winners.

Trustee of the Trust Funds – three (3) year term:

	Sue A. Brown	220

No write-ins.

Sue A. Brown was declared the winner.

Library Trustee – three (3) years:

	Anne B. Cunningham	210
Write-ins:	Paul Wheeler	1
	Sharon Meyer	1

Anne B. Cunningham was declared the winner.

Cemetery Trustee – three (3) years:

Write-ins:	Elizabeth Godfrey	4
	George Boewe, Jr.	3
	Lee Allison	1
	Jane Johnson	1
	Mary Hockmeyer	1
	Karl Ogren	1
	Rick Zecher	1
	Albert Godfrey	1
	Harry Sole	1
	Paul Wheeler	1
	Alan Grant	1
	Karen Babb	1
	Chuck Depew	1
	Tom Kondrat	1
	Ed Boyer	1
	Dan Murray	1

Elizabeth Godfrey was declared the winner.

SCHOOL OFFICES:

School Board – three (3) year term:

	Ingrid DeWitt	206
Write-ins:	Jane Johnson	1
	Janet Johnson	1
	Sue Brown	1
	Jim Shuff	1
	Maureen Eldridge	1
	Deborah Fauver	1
	Anne Babb	1
	Miranda Sandahl	1

Ingrid DeWitt was declared the winner.

School District Moderator – one (1) year term:

	Donald G. Johnson	234
Write-in:	Chuck Depew	1

Donald G. Johnson was declared the winner.

School District Clerk – one (1) year term:

Write-ins:	Carol Stansell	13
	Libby Priebe	2
	Sue Brown	2
	Bonnie Burroughs	1
	Karl Ogren	1
	Lisa Wheeler	1
	Alan Grant	1
	Andy Drummond	1
	Jennifer Meers	1
	Tom Kondrat	1
	Carol Stanik	1
	Cindy Davis	1

Carol Stansell was declared the winner.

School District Auditor – one (1) year term:

Write-ins:	Tom Kondrat	8
	Ralph Kazanjian	4
	Scott Lees	1
	Ernest Day Sr.	1
	Jane Johnson	1
	Peter Schiller	1
	Pam Fortin	1
	David Carlson	1
	Don Bossi	1
	AJ Battles	1

Tom Kondrat was declared the winner.

ARTICLE 2: (To vote by Official Ballot)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend Article 3, Section 310, (Lot of Record) and Article 5, Section 506, (Expansion of Non-Conforming Structures) to delete from Section 506 and add to Section 310 the requirement that the total footprint of all structures on a lot not exceed 10% of the total area of the lot, so that it applies to all lots of record and to clarify the requirements for expansion of a non-conforming structure in Section 506?

(Approved by the Planning Board 6-0-0)

YES 164 **NO 71**

ARTICLE 2 passes.

ARTICLE 3: (To vote by Official Ballot)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend Article 5 (Non-Conforming Uses and Structures) to add Section 507 to permit the expansion to year-round use of only one (1) pre-existing non-conforming seasonal dwelling per lot, provided the lot is at least 10,000 square feet, septic and water approvals are obtained, and the building complies with Life Safety and Energy Conservation codes?

(Approved by the Planning Board 7-0-0)

YES 153 **NO 84**

ARTICLE 3 passes.

ARTICLE 4:

Mr. Johnson noted that Article 4 contains the major portion of the overall town budget and that he will read it in to the record by sub-sections. He also noted that the Selectmen are only responsible for maintaining the bottom line and that any changes in line items will affect the bottom line.

General Government	$	333,043.00
Public Safety		422,562.00
Highways and Streets		611,999.00
Sanitation		180,837.00
Health		11,094.00
Welfare		10,150.00
Culture and Recreation		70,850.00
Conservation		13,800.00
Debt Service		157,135.00
TOTAL ARTICLE:	**$**	**1,811,470.00**

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Les Babb made a **MOTION TO AMEND** Article 4 by changing the Expenses line under Public Buildings by raising it $5000.00 to $27,850.00 from $22,850.00, making the new bottom line for this sub-section $338,043.00; **SECONDED by Donna Cupka.**

Mr. Babb explained the increase is necessary to remove the ice clips or stops from the Town Hall roof and to repair damages due to the severe winter, estimated at $3000.00. The sum of $2000.00 was paid to have the Town Hall roof cleared.

Discussion.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND: YES, the motion to amend carried.

Discussion returned to Article 4 as amended.

Les Babb made a **MOTION TO** further **AMEND** Article 4 by changing the Expenses line under Public Safety/Police Department by

adding $3,250.00 – changing this line from $30,200.00 to $33,450.00, making the new bottom line for this sub-section $425,812.00; **SECONDED by Donna Cupka**.

Mr. Babb explained that it is necessary to replace one of the police radios immediately because it had failed during a recent situation and it was a safety issue for the officer involved.

Discussion.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND: YES, the motion to amend carries.

Discussion returned to Article 4 as further amended.

Les Babb made a **MOTION TO further AMEND** Article 4 by adding $63,000.00 to the Highways and Streets/Highway Department Expenses line – changing this line from $327,408.00 to $390,408.00, making the new bottom line for this sub-section $674,999.00; **SECONDED by Donna Cupka**.

Mr. Babb noted that the additional amount is necessary due to the enormous amount of snow this winter and the increased costs for salt and fuel. Scott Brooks, the Road Agent, also addressed the issue and explained the increases in salt, sand usage, man-hours and rental equipment.

Discussion.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND: YES, the motion to amend carries.

Discussion returned to Article 4 as further amended with a new bottom line for the entire Article of $1,882,720.00.

Discussion.

Tom Kondrat asked if it were possible, in order to trim the budget, to skip the invasive week control (milfoil) for a year or to reduce the amount?

Selectman Babb noted that the milfoil clean up was gaining ground, that there have been additional donations and to skip a year would make it harder to keep the milfoil under control.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 4 as amended with a new bottom line of $1,882,350.00, as stated by Don Johnson, the Moderator.

YES, the article carries.

Libby Priebe, the Town Clerk, called to Mr. Johnson's attention that the correct bottom line should be $1,882,720.00 and not the $1,882,350.00 as stated by Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson then asked the meeting for a **VOTE OF AFFIRMATION to correct the bottom line to $1,882,720.00. The Vote of Affirmation was unanimous.**

Mr. Johnson then announced that he had forgotten to introduce the people sitting at the table in the front of the room at the beginning of the meeting and proceeded to do so, as follows: Selectmen - Donna Cupka, Les Babb and James Brown; Town Counsel - Susan Slack, and the Town Clerk - Libby Priebe.

ARTICLE 5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $27,060.00 for this year's contract with Brett S. Purvis & Associates, Inc. to complete the necessary new construction assessing and all other assessing duties required for the year.

MOTION: Donna Cupka.
SECONDED: Les Babb.

Selectwoman Cupka explained that this amount is for the annual contract and there had not been an increase.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 5: YES, the article carries.

ARTICLE 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $ 41,410.00 to seal coat on Town Roads.

MOTION: Donna Cupka
SECONDED: Scott Brooks

Tom Kondrat asked the road agent/selectmen if we could halve this amount, then **MADE A MOTION to amend** the Article by lowering the amount to $21,410.00; **SECONDED by Chuck Brooks**.

Discussion on the proposed amendment.

Scott Brooks, Road Agent, spoke to the issue, stating that this decision would be totally up to the meeting. He noted that this amount had initially been estimated to take care of 3 - 3 ½ miles of road, but due to the large increases in all materials, that estimate was reduced already to 1 - 1 ½ miles of road. He noted that he tries to keep all of the roads on a 3 year rotation and to skip a year would mean more cracks and more repair work and it basically is pay now or pay later.

Betty Godfrey spoke in favor of the article and noted that the longer this is put off, the more we'll pay.

Ms. Cupka spoke against the amendment stating that it will cost more in the long run.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT to Article 6, lowering the amount from $41,410.00 to $21,410.00: **NO**, the Amendment fails.

Discussion returned to Article 6 in its original form.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 6: YES, the article carries.

ARTICLE 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $68,000.00 to repave on Town Roads.

MOTION: Donna Cupka.
SECONDED: Scott Brooks.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 7: YES, the article carries.

ARTICLE 8:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $11,000.00 for road crack sealing on Bennett and Ossipee Lake Roads.

MOTION: Donna Cupka.
SECONDED: Scott Brooks.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 8: YES, the article carries.

ARTICLE 9:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $24,600.00 for the replacement of a 60' culvert located on Rice Hill Road.

MOTION: James Brown.
SECONDED: Scott Brooks.

Selectman Brown deferred to Scott Brooks, Road Agent. Mr. Brooks explained that the existing culvert will not handle the flow of water.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 9: YES, the article carries.

ARTICLE 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $31,350.00 for the installation of a third compactor at the transfer station.

MOTION: Les Babb.
SECONDED: Justin Brooks.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 10: YES, the article carries.

ARTICLE 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,000.00 for the improvements to the Town Hall Kitchen.

MOTION: James Brown.
SECONDED: Justin Brooks.

Selectman Brown noted that there are serious health issues with the town hall kitchen and the improvements need to be made so that the State does not shut it down. Selectman Babb also pointed out that the Town Hall is the emergency management shelter for the Town of Freedom.

Discussion.

Chuck Brooks made a MOTION TO MOVE the question; the **VOTE CARRIED** to move the question.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 11: YES, the article carries.

ARTICLE 12:

To see if the Town will vote to establish the position of Fire Chief as a paid position, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to RSA 154:1,1(a) and to raise and appropriate the sum of $46,000.00 to fund this position, such funds to be in addition to the amount appropriated in Article 4 as the Fire Chief's stipend.

MOTION: Les Babb.
SECONDED: Justin Brooks.

Selectman Babb spoke to the Article and noted that the salary for this position would actually be the $46,000.00 plus the $12,000.00 stipend for the chief listed in Article 4 for a total of $58,000.00.

Betty Godfrey spoke in favor of the article and in favor of Gene Doe, the current fire chief, to continue as the chief.

Selectman Babb pointed out that this Article is to create the position only and the Selectmen are encouraging Gene to apply.

Rick Zecher inquired as to whether the $58,000.00 was in the correct compensation range for this position.

Selectman Babb noted that it had been researched and the State looked at as a whole, that the chief would have to use his own vehicle for a while, and that the budget would be expanding for this position. It is currently planned that the Police Department's Tahoe, due to be replaced next year, would be turned over to the fire chief for use. Selectwoman Cupka noted that the salary and benefits were based on a family plan and that may change if the new chief is single, and that relative to the other towns, this is on the lower end of the pay scale and noted that towns with a population of 5000 were used rather than 1500 because Freedom's population swells in the summer time.

Robert Libby inquired whether the position was going to be appointed or elected.

Selectman Babb noted the position would be appointed because the town needs to be sure that the necessary inspections are done and needs to maintain control and to be able to mandate how the job is handled to avoid liability issues and by appointing, it allows the Selectmen to direct. Selectman Cupka noted that the position comes with a specific skill base and that is how the hiring should be done – based on a skill base and not a popularity contest.

Fire Chief Gene Doe spoke on behalf of the article noting that because of the meetings, paperwork, inspections etc. this is now a full time job, also pointing out that there are between 2000-3000 kids at the camps during the summer months and inspections are critical for life safety; he issues between 230-250 fire permits each year and now the campgrounds all need to be inspected – which totals 1200 sites between Totem Pole (456) and Danforth Bay (700), and everything has to be documented for follow-up purposes and potential liability issues.

Discussion.

Marlene Knoll asked if the Town's zoning laws could be used to force the camps to do their own inspections.

Selectman Babb stated that the zoning ordinance does not address life safety issues.

Town Counsel, Susan Slack, stated that the town can only enforce as enabled by the State; and the State doesn't allow the Town to go in; that the life safety standards are under the jurisdiction of the fire chief.

Discussion.

Anne Cunningham made a **MOTION** to call the question; **MOTION** carries.

VOTE on ARTICLE 12: YES, the article carries.

Mr. Johnson, the Moderator, called for a recess at 10:40 am; the meeting re-convened at 10:55 a.m.

When Mr. Johnson re-convened the meeting, Elizabeth Rhymer asked if the next four articles could be combined for discussion purposes and the Moderator stated that it was not possible.

ARTICLE 13:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,000.00 to replace and repair Dry Hydrants throughout the Town.

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Fire Chief Gene Doe addressed the issue and explained the funds would be used primarily to repair two hydrants in the village.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 13: YES, the article carries.

ARTICLE 14:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $9,717.00 for the purchase of Fire Hose.

MOTION: James Brown
SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Fire Chief Gene Doe addressed the issue stating the funds will be used to replace the hose on Engine 2 and also some of the four-inch hose.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 14: YES, the article carries.

ARTICLE 15:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,500.00 to fix and repair rust/body work on Engine 7.

MOTION: James Brown
SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Fire Chief Gene Doe addressed the issue stating that the funds would be used on Engine 7 to remove the rust on the wheel wells and the running boards.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 15: YES, the article carries.

ARTICLE 16:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 for the Emergency Management Department to purchase cots, pillows and blankets.

MOTION: James Brown
SECONDED: Betty Godfrey

Selectman Brown explained that the Town Hall is the location of the Town's emergency shelter, then turned the discussion over to the Fire Chief, Gene Doe.

Chief Doe explained that he'd like to have ten complete sets and if any money were left over, he'd like to purchase sand bags.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 16: YES, the article carries.

ARTICLE 17:

To see if the Town will vote to establish the position for a Health Officer as a paid position and to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,300.00 for this position.

MOTION: Donna Cupka
SECONDED: James Brown

Selectwoman Cupka stated that this position is required by the State, that the Selectmen have filled this position in the past but now find that the position should be filled by somebody who has a health background, and that Pam Fortin has been in this position for the past eight months, is qualified for the position and willing to continue in this position.

Tom Kondrat asked if this was something the future fire chief could do. Ms. Cupka stated that they wouldn't consider combining this position because of the requirements.

Pam Fortin spoke to the article and explained that the amount stated was adequate pay for this position at this point, based on the time she'd already spent doing the job.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 17: YES, the article carries.

ARTICLE 18:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,000.00 to support the newly formed community transportation initiative know(n) as Carroll County Transit, such funds to be paid over only if Carroll County Transit becomes operational by December 31, 2008.

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: James Brown

Betty Godfrey asked if it were true that there was no pick up in Freedom. Selectman Babb confirmed that there is not.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 18: NO, the article fails.

ARTICLE 19:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $8,339.00 for one 2007 can-am 4-wheeler for the Police Department.

MOTION: Donna Cupka
SECONDED: James Brown

Selectwoman Cupka explained that the Police Department had the use of this vehicle for the last year and it has been used in the town forest and for search and rescue operations. The vehicle was obtained through a grant and that allows for it to be purchased at the end of the year at a reduced rate.

Dan Murray asked if this vehicle was in addition to the Polaris Ranger that the Police Department has. Police Chief Josh Shackford responded that it is and that the two vehicles have different purposes and noted that the 4 wheeler works much better in the snow.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 19: YES, the article carries.

ARTICLE 20:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $8,339.00 for one 2007 can-am 4-wheeler for the Fire Department.

MOTION: Donna Cupka
SECONDED: James Brown

Selectwoman Cupka stated that the fire department also had the same arrangement on one of these vehicles and turned the discussion over to Chief Doe.

Chief Doe noted that the vehicle is used quite often, especially on the airstrip. He also noted that the Fire Department also has a Polaris 6 Wheel Ranger and that the vehicles are used for different purposes.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 20: On the initial viewing, the number of cards appeared too close to call so the Moderator and the Town Clerk did a count of the cards.

Voting results: 38 Yes; 41 No. **ARTICLE 20 fails**.

ARTICLE 21:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,600.00 for improvements to the ball field.

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: James Brown

Selectman Babb explained that the ball field needs to have improvements made (benches and fences etc.), and the money could be raised by having commercial (advertising) signs along the fence lines or by a warrant article and the Selectmen felt that this should be determined by Town Meeting.

Betty Godfrey spoke against the article and questioned the legality of prior improvements to the ball field without a vote of the town.

Jim Farinella spoke in favor of the article as a parent and a coach and said the lack of protective fencing and no bleachers for the visitors is a poor reflection on the town.

Pam Fortin spoke in favor of the article and against the use of commercial signs.

Scott Brooks noted that the ball field had been first reconstructed in 1976 by volunteer labor and equipment at no expense to the town and that members of the Freedom Fire Department had done a majority of the work. He also pointed out that the fencing had been necessary when the in-ground irrigation was installed to prevent people from driving over it. Scott further noted that all improvements had been made with the permission of the Selectmen.

Chuck Brooks was in favor of the signs but cautioned being aware of the content (i.e. beer ads etc).

Paul Wheeler spoke in favor of the article stating that he has spent hours at our ball field and others and that our facilities need to be improved and felt that the money would be well spent.

John Hogan spoke against the use of the signs, stating he thought the signs would be tacky.

Donna Cupka responded to the "illegal" comment and deferred to town counsel, Susan Slack. Attorney Slack noted that in accordance with RSA 41:A the Selectmen have the authority to manage town land.

Justin Brooks made a **MOTION TO MOVE THE QUESTION**; the **MOTION** carried.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 21: YES, the article carries.

ARTICLE 22:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $5,000.00, to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund, for a licensed forester to oversee the administration of forestry activities in the Town Forest for the ensuing year.

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Selectman Babb explained that this money is available but a vote is needed to expend.

Discussion.

AJ Battles made a **MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION**; the **MOTION** carries.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 22: YES, the article carries.

ARTICLE 23:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of up to $5,000.00, to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund, for maintenance activities in the Town Forest for the ensuring year.

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: James Brown

Discussion.

Rick Zecher made a **MOTION TO MOVE** the question; the **MOTION** carries.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 23: YES, the article carries.

The Moderator, Donald Johnson, recessed the meeting at 12:10 for a lunch break. The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 24:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize 50% of the Land Use Change Tax revenue collected annually, not to exceed $15,000.00, to be deposited into the existing Conservation Fund to be held and used in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II. If adopted, this article shall take effect April 1, 2008 and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by a future vote of the town meeting.

MOTION: Donna Cupka
SECONDED: Les Babb

Selectman Cupka said this article had been skipped in 2007, was on the Warrant in 2006, and if voted in now, will be in effect until rescinded by vote of town meeting.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 24: YES, the article carries.

ARTICLE 25:

To see if the Town will adopt an ordinance pursuant to RSA 31:39, I(a) and 31:39,III to authorize the Town to enforce the Town Forest management regulations established by the Freedom Conservation Commission. See complete ordinance on page 103.

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Kathy Gove

Selectman Babb explained that these restrictions and regulations have been established and the Town needs to vote on them for enforcement purposes.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 25: YES, the article carries.

ARTICLE 26:

To see if the Town will vote to reclassify the Class VI portions of Pequawket Trail and Shawtown Road which are located within the Freedom Town Forest to Class A Municipal Trails pursuant to RSA 231-A.

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Scott Brooks

Selectman Babb explained that Class VI roads can be gated and barred but not locked and that there are many access points. If this reclassification takes place the Selectmen will be able to lock and unlock and not give up the right of way. The roads can be converted back at a later date if necessary.

Beth Earle spoke on behalf of the article.

Justin Brooks asked if the gates would be closed 365 days.

Selectman Babb said he'd like to hear more discussion – he didn't think the gates would be closed 365 days and said he'd like to see the gates open during hunting season.

Discussion.

Donna Cupka made a **MOTION TO AMEND** the article by adding the words: "that these municipal trails be open to vehicular travel during the hunting season, starting with muzzle loading season and ending with rifle season, to allow access by those with physical disabilities at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen".

SECONDED by Les Babb.

Martin Furnbach asked if this meant the property would be open to anybody? Selectman Babb said yes.

Discussion.

Police Officer Frank Suprenard received permission to speak (as a non-resident/non-voter) and explained that last year's hunting season had been a nightmare for him – people driving in and around and everywhere – very hard to police.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: the initial show of cards was too close to call. The Moderator and the Town Clerk took a count. A total of 62 votes were received: 22 Yes and 40 NO. **The Amendment failed.**

VOTE ON ARTICLE 26 in its original form: **YES**, the article carries.

ARTICLE 27:

Shall the Town vote to adopt RSA 41:14-a (Acquisition or Sale of Land, Buildings, or Both), which would give the Selectmen the authority to acquire or sell land and/or buildings after first submitting any such proposed acquisition or sale to the Planning Board and to the

Conservation Commission for review and recommendation, and further, requiring the Selectmen to hold 2 public hearings regarding the proposed acquisition or sale. This statute does not give the Selectmen the authority to sell town-owned conservation land which is managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission in accordance with RSA 36-A, any part of a town forest established under RSA 31:110 and managed under 31:112, or any real estate that has been given, devised, or bequeathed to the town for charitable or community purposes. If approved, this article remains effective until later rescinded by town meeting vote.

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Donna Cupka

Selectman Babb explained that for three years the town had been putting money away and every year the wording was supposed to be correct and in accordance with the Department of Revenue Administration and every year DRA wants it corrected. The purpose of this article is to correct the language – again – and move forward.

Discussion.

Al Davidson made a **MOTION TO MOVE** the question; the **MOTION** carries.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 27: YES, the article carries.

ARTICLE 28:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50,000.00 to be added to the Municipal Land and Building Capital Reserve Fund of the Town previously established; and further, if Article 27 passes, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund pursuant to RSA 41:14a and RSA 35:15. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0)

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Donna Cupka

Selectman Babb noted that this is the same article as in previous years.

Marlene Knoll asked about the square footage, size and nature of the building.

Rick Zecher called for a point of order – out of context; Moderator Johnson put the question to the people and the question was allowed.

Selectman Babb addressed the question and said the exact square footage is still being discussed and noted that the present fire station won't hold the equipment we already have.

Discussion.

Chuck Brooks made a **MOTION TO MOVE** the question; the **MOTION** carries.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 28: YES, the article carries.

ARTICLE 29:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund of the Town previously established.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0)

MOTION: James Brown
SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Selectman Brown explained that the fire department is in need of a new tanker, then turned the discussion over to Chief Doe, who explained that he is in the process of working on a federal grant for $340,000.00 towards the purchase of this truck but cautioned us that receiving it is not guaranteed.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 29: YES, the article carries.

ARTICLE 30:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to be added to the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund of the Town previously established. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0)

MOTION: Donna Cupka
SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Selectman Cupka explained that this is the standard article that appears each year.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 30: YES, the article carries.

ARTICLE 31:

To see if the town will vote to accept as a Class V town road "Kidder Drive" a roadway constructed between Loon Lake Road and Freedom Point Road by Freedom Shore LLC as approved by the Planning Board October 2004, such acceptance to be effective May 1, 2008 upon passing a final inspection by the Board of Selectmen.

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: AJ Battles

Selectman Babb explained that there are town regulations and specifications regarding gravel and stone sizes when building roads and he noted the very large stone (approximately 12 – 18 inches in diameter) sitting on the stage in front of the table. He explained that this rock had been found in a section of the road that required stones no larger than "six inch minus". The project engineer was notified and it was two weeks before the engineer could come to the site and do the inspection and during that time period approximately 2700 feet of the roadway bed had been covered over. The Town's attorney and the engineer were consulted and the engineer passed/approved the road. Selectman Babb said it was important the townspeople see the rock and know what they are getting. He noted that the Selectmen chose to put this article on the Warrant in order to control the wording. At this point the road is not maintained and is not plowed through and the Selectmen want to review the road on May 1st before accepting the road to be sure that the road has

not been damaged during the winter. It is impossible to inspect the road at this time due to the volume of snow on the ground.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 31: YES, the article carries.

ARTICLE 32: (By Petition)

To see if the town of Freedom will approve the use of the tables in the town hall for the use of civic groups in Freedom at no cost. The organizations would be required to request the number of the tables to be borrowed and specify where they were to be used and for how long, other than being used in the town hall. The organizations will also be responsible for any repairs or replacement of the tables that are not returned in the original condition. The town and town civic organizations purchased these tables jointly. The current policy is to charge a $75. deposit and a $5. rental for each table.

MOTION: Emery Stokes
SECONDED: Marlene Knoll

Mr. Stokes spoke on behalf of this article and said that it doesn't make sense to charge the organizations that paid for half of the expense of purchasing these new tables to use them – that it just doesn't seem appropriate.

Selectman Babb noted that the Selectmen established this policy with the new tables because they wanted the tables to stay in the town hall.

Chuck Brooks asked if the $75.00 deposit was returned and he was told yes.

Ellie Stokes spoke on behalf of this article, stating that the tables are being used primarily for the benefit of Freedom.

Justin Brooks, the custodian, said he shouldn't have to track down tables and cited an incident when he found tables left at the beach pavilion on the Loon Lake Road, un-attended, stopped and grabbed them and returned them to the Town Hall.

Discussion.

AJ Battles made a **MOTION TO MOVE** the question; the **MOTION** carries.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 32: YES, the article carries.

ARTICLE 33: (By Petition)

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to $1.000 to enhance the town's web site and create a Citizen Web Site Advisory Committee to consider ways to optimize the town's web site to improve communication to citizens. This work will be complete by the next town meeting.

MOTION: Betty Godfrey
SECONDED: Marlene Knoll

Betty Godfrey spoke in favor of this article and noted that a web site is a wonderful thing and the information provided is good.

Anne Cunningham spoke as a member of the group that presented the article. They would like to see the web site used to improve the communication with all of the boards and/or committees: Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission and Forest Advisory Board and would like to have all of the agendas shown and the minutes archived and would like to have links to the Library, Elementary School, State, Department of Environmental Services etc. She also noted that the amount stated is an estimate and she doesn't think it will cost that much to significantly improve the web site.

Selectman Cupka noted that this article had been brought to the Board of Selectmen and that the Board is not opposed to having this information available but has problems with the logistics and the cost, and wants this to happen but wants to have additional time to get in place and stated that the town does not have the staff to put all of this information on the web site – only has 4 computers and 4 desks currently shared now by 8 people and will need time to make this happen and that she is asking for time and therefore was asking that this issue be

TABLED to give the Board of Selectmen time to make this happen and happen correctly.

Peg Scully started to ask a question and Scott Brooks asked the Moderator for a point of order – stating that discussion is not allowed on a Motion to Table. The Moderator then confirmed with Selectman Cupka that she had made a **MOTION TO TABLE and asked for a second on the motion; SECONDED by Scott Brooks.**

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE: NO, the motion to table was defeated.

Discussion.

Anne Cunningham said she would be happy to **AMEND Article 33** by removing the words "to consider ways" from Article 33 so that it will now read:

"To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to $1,000 to enhance the town's web site and create a Citizen Web Site Advisory Committee to optimize the town's web site to improve communication to citizens. This work will be complete by the next town meeting."

SECONDED by Marlene Knoll.

Discussion on the proposed Amendment.

VOTE on MOTION TO AMEND: YES, the amendment carries.

Further discussion on Article 33 as amended.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 33 as amended: YES, the article, as amended, carries.

ARTICLE 34:

To review real estate acquired by the Town by Tax Collector's deed since the last annual Town Meeting to consider whether or not to

see any or all such properties and the appropriate terms and conditions regarding their sale.

Tax Collector Tom Kondrat announced that there were no properties to review and recommended passing by this article.

VOTE TO PASS BY: YES, the motion to pass by this Article carries.

ARTICLE 35:

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Selectman Babb, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Sue Dorian, thanking her for her husband, Paul Dorian's, years of service to the town.

Selectwoman Cupka presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Tom Kondrat who is moving to Ossipee and has been the Tax Collector for fourteen years. Tom thanked the meeting and said he'd be back!

Scott Brooks thanked the Town for its support and for the approval of the additions to the town garage and noted how well the facilities have worked out.

Don Johnson thanked Scott and his crew for everything they had done this winter and also thanked Cubby Brooks for his work at the transfer station.

MOTION TO ADJOURN made by **Tom Kondrat**; **SECONDED** by everybody!

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

A true record, attest:

A. ELIZABETH PRIEBE,
TOWN CLERK

[Full discussion available on tapes.]

WARRANT

The polls will be open from 9:00am to 7:00pm

To the inhabitants of the Town of Freedom in the County of Carroll in said state, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Freedom will be held at the Freedom Town Hall on Tuesday the 10th day of March 2009 at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects.

There will be voting by Official Ballot for the election of Town Officers and for adoption of Zoning Amendments. The polls open at 9:00am and close at 7:00pm unless there is a vote to keep the polls open to a later hour. The ballots will be counted after the polls close at 7:00pm.

All other articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon beginning at 9:00am at the Freedom Town Hall.

Article 1: (To vote by Official Ballot)

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: (To vote by Official Ballot)

"Are you in favor of the adoption of amendments to the existing town zoning ordinance to permit single-family workforce housing in parts of the General Residential, Residential/Light Commercial and Rural Residential Districts, and to permit multi-family workforce housing in the Residential/Light Commercial District and part of the Rural Residential District along Route 153, in compliance with state law (RSA 674:58-61), as proposed by the planning board?"

ARTICLE 3:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money (FY 2009):

	FY 2008 APPROP	FY 2008 EXP	FY 2009 APPROP
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Town Office:			
Wages, Fees, Benefits:			
Town Officers Salaries	21,150	21,169	21,650
Town Clerk Fees	9,350	8,675	11,250
Deputy Town Clerk	2,240	1,628	2,240
Tax Collector Fees/Costs	10,500	10,889	11,000
Salaries - Full Time	41,000	42,324	69,960
Salaries - Part Time	29,000	23,836	12,868
Retirement	1,230	1,286	2,100
Health/Dental Insurance	16,600	16,600	33,388
Life/Disability Insurance	1,350	1,051	1,960
Total Wages, Fees, Benefits	132,420	127,458	166,416
Town Office Expense	53,450	45,231	53,550
Total Town Office	**185,870**	**172,689**	**219,966**
Election and Registration	9,400	10,554	8,400
Legal Expense	23,000	19,708	23,000
Payroll Taxes	37,685	31,164	34,900
Planning and Zoning Boards:			
Wages - Part Time	2,850	1,895	2,850
Expense	3,600	5,638	4,200
Total Planning and Zoning Boards	**6,450**	**7,533**	**7,050**
Public Buildings:			
Wages - Part Time	8,000	8,000	8,200
Expenses	27,850	29,859	33,550
Total Public Buildings	**35,850**	**37,859**	**41,750**
Cemeteries	2,700	1,420	2,700
Insurance	35,296	36,663	35,911
Lakes Region Planning Commission	1,792	1,792	1,867
Total General Government	**338,043**	**319,382**	**375,544**

	FY 2008 APPROP	FY2008 EXP	FY2009 APPROP
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
Police Department:			
Wages, Benefits:			
Salaries - Full Time	147,000	137,847	152,080
Salaries - Part Time	13,900	17,579	13,900
Overtime/Holiday	8,657	7,399	9,380
Retirement	19,185	17,063	19,284
Health/Dental Insurance	61,937	56,270	61,595
Life/Disability Insurance	2,150	1,297	2,348
Total Wages and Benefits	252,829	237,455	258,587
Expenses	33,450	32,735	33,450
Total Police Department	**286,279**	**270,190**	**292,037**
Fire Department:			
Chief's Salary & Benefits	46,000	37,112	64,253
Chief's Reimbursable Expenses	12,000	5,586	0
Member's Reimbursable Expenses	20,000	20,000	20,000
Turnout Gear	5,500	2,635	6,000
Mutual Aid Dues	4,500	4,500	4,500
Equipment	9,000	14,604	9,000
Training	2,500	2,104	2,500
Maintenance & Operating Expense	30,575	37,059	33,925
Total Fire Department	**130,075**	**123,600**	**140,178**
Ambulance Service	25,375	25,371	36,500
Building Inspector	13,043	12,443	12,984
Zoning Officer	5,600	5,625	6,600
Forest Fire Protection	5,000	4,828	5,000
Emergency Management & Safety	500	0	500
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	4,940	4,940	5,183
Water Precinct	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total Public Safety	**471,812**	**447,997**	**499,982**
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS:			
Highway Department:			
Wages and Benefits:			
Salaries - Full Time	139,000	142,429	162,800
Salaries - Part Time	16,200	25,297	18,000
Salaries - Overtime	56,188	46,830	66,200
Retirement	5,616	4,232	4,500
Health/Dental Insurance	61,937	69,646	89,546
Life/Disability Insurance	3,650	1,944	3,000
Total Wages and Benefits	**282,591**	**290,378**	**344,046**

	FY 2008 APPROP	FY 2008 EXP	FY 2009 APPROP
Expenses:			
Rental Equipment	133,000	161,227	133,000
Contract Services	22,000	26,550	22,000
Operating Expenses	227,408	231,803	241,208
Total Expenses	382,408	419,580	396,208
Total Highway Department	664,999	709,958	740,254
Street Lights	10,000	8,509	10,000
Total Highways and Streets	**674,999**	**718,467**	**750,254**
SANITATION:			
Transfer Station:			
Wages - Full Time	26,944	26,944	27,792
Wages - Part Time	8,500	10,199	8,500
Retirement	1,200	960	1,100
Health/Dental Insurance	22,669	22,669	22,546
Life/Disability Insurance	750	484	600
Total Wages and Benefits	60,063	61,255	60,538
Expenses:			
Engineering	6,000	5,848	7,000
Transport Materials	100,000	99,570	110,000
Operating Expenses	14,774	13,273	14,454
Total Expenses	120,774	118,691	131,454
Total Sanitation	**180,837**	**179,946**	**191,992**
HEALTH:			
Salary and Expenses	2,300	1,191	2,300
Agencies:			
Carroll County Mental Health	1,433	1,433	1,433
Children Unlimited	1,800	1,800	1,800
Community Action Program	4,000	4,000	4,000
White Mt Health Center	1,724	1,724	1,846
Starting Point	500	500	918
Red Cross	640	640	641
S.C.C. Visiting Nurse	997	997	997
Total Health	**13,394**	**12,285**	**13,935**

	FY 2008 APPROP	FY 2008 EXP	FY 2009 APPROP
WELFARE:			
Salary	900	1,125	900
Town Needy	9,250	4,561	9,250
Total Welfare	**10,150**	**5,686**	**10,150**
CULTURE AND RECREATION:			
Parks and Recreation	7,575	6,751	11,175
Library	59,775	59,775	59,775
Memorial Day	1,000	932	1,000
Old Home Week	2,500	2,500	2,000
Total Culture and Recreation	**70,850**	**69,958**	**73,950**
CONSERVATION:			
Conservation Commission	2,800	2,495	2,800
Invasive Weed Control (milfoil)	8,500	8,500	8,500
Water Quality Testing	2,500	2,500	2,500
Total Conservation	**13,800**	**13,495**	**13,800**
DEBT SERVICE:			
Bond Principal	125,812	125,812	125,812
Bond Interest	11,323	11,172	6,794
Tax Anticipation Notes Interest	20,000	12,549	18,000
Other Interest	0	784	500
Total Debt Service	**157,135**	**150,317**	**151,106**
TOTAL ARTICLE 3	**1,931,020**	**1,917,533**	**2,080,713**

Article 4:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $70,000.00 to be withdrawn from the Municipal Land and Building Capital Reserve Fund for up to 12 acres of land. This is currently part of Map 3 Lot 11 which abuts the Ossipee Lake Road.

Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $31,800.00 for this year's contract with Brett S. Purvis & Associates, Inc. to complete the necessary new construction assessing and all other assessing duties required for the year.

Article 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $ 30,400.00 to seal coat on Town Roads.

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $68,000.00 to repave on Town Roads.

Article 8:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $11,000.00 for road crack sealing on Town Roads.

Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $24,000.00 for the remaining upgrade on Rice Hill Road.

Article 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $33,500.00 for the crushing of gravel for the use on town roads.

Article 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,900.00 to install vinyl siding on the front and north side of the Town Hall.

Article 12:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $13,500.00 to repaint the front and north side of the Town Hall.

Article13:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $39,925.00 to purchase a new 2009 4 x 4 police package cruiser.

Article 14:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $14,300.00 for the chemical treatment of milfoil in Danforth Bay. If this article passes donations to offset some of the cost have been pledged from Danforth Bay Campground for $4,000.00 and Ossipee Lake Marina for $2,500.00.

Article 15:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $5,000.00, to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund, for a licensed forester to oversee the administration of forestry activities in the Town Forest for the ensuing year.

Article 16:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $8,000.00, to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund, for maintenance activities in the Town Forest for the ensuring year.

Article 17:

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the original 2004 "Removal of Milfoil" Capital Reserve Fund. This is a housekeeping article as requested by the Department of Revenue and has a zero balance.

Article 18:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50,000.00 to be added to the Municipal Land and Building

Capital Reserve Fund of the Town previously established. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0)

Article 19:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund of the Town previously established. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0)

Article 20:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to be added to the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund of the Town previously established. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0)

Article 21:

To see if the Town will vote to establish an expendable trust fund in accordance with RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Freedom Public Library Expendable Trust Fund, for the purposes of repairing the Library and/or replacing and purchasing equipment for the Library from time to time as authorized by the statute; to raise and appropriate $1,000.00 to place in said trust fund; and to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend funds in the trust for the purposes of the trust. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0).

Article 22: (By Petition)

Shall the Town approve the request of The Ossipee Children's Fund (OCF) stating that it has helped children in Freedom each year; that this year OCF will provide 7 children with grants totaling $2,590; and requesting that $650.00 be raised and appropriated to OCF in order to fund 25% of those grants? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0)

Article 23: (By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Heritage Commission and a Heritage Fund that is non-lapsing, in accordance with the provisions of RSA673 and RSA 674:44-a, 44-

b, 44-d, and 44-c if applicable (supp. 1995) or take any other action relating thereto.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-1-0)

Article 24: (By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint 3-7 citizens as members of the Heritage Commission pursuant to the provisions of RSA 673:4-a and RSA 673:5, to appoint up to 5 additional citizens as alternate members, or take any other action relating thereto. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-1-0)

Article 25: (By Petition)

The Freedom Historical Society and its members respectfully request the town to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to address the most urgent repairs to the Allard house/barn to help protect significant historical and cultural treasures.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0)

Article 26: (By Petition)

To see if the Town will limit the Municipal Land and Building Capital Reserve Fund by directing that no land be purchased with the Fund without the specific approval of Town Meeting, and not until the Town, through the Board of Selectmen, have produced: 1) a current Building Evaluation to include a professional assessment of the potential for expansion and upgrade capacity of town-owned buildings and parcels of land, and 2) a Cost Estimate Summary to include professional estimates for the improvement of existing buildings and also for the purchase of new land and construction of new facilities. The expenses of generating said Building Evaluation and Cost Estimate Summary shall not exceed 10% of the balance in the Municipal Land and Building Capital Reserve Fund, including any sums added to the Fund at the 2009 Town Meeting.
(Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 27:

To review real estate acquired by the Town by Tax Collector's deed since the last annual Town Meeting to consider whether or not to sell any or all such properties and the appropriate terms and conditions regarding their sale.

Article 28:

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 9th day of February in the year of the Lord two thousand nine.

A true copy, attest

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Donna M. Cupka
James W. Brown
Leslie R. Babb

BUDGET 2009
OF THE TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriations Prior Year	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year
General Government			
Executive	21,150	21,169	21,650
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	9,400	10,554	8,400
Financial Administration	164,720	151,520	198,316
Revaluation of Property	27,060	27,060	31,800
Legal Expenses	23,000	19,708	23,000
Personnel Administration	37,685	31,164	34,900
Planning and Zoning	12,050	13,158	13,650
General Government Buildings	35,850	37,859	41,750
Cemeteries	2,700	1,420	2,700
Insurance	35,296	36,663	35,911
Advertising and Regional Association	1,792	1,792	1,867
Public Safety			
Police	286,279	270,190	292,037
Ambulance	25,375	25,371	36,500
Fire	135,075	128,429	145,178
Building Inspection	13,043	12,443	12,984
Emergency Management	2,000	2,000	500
Hydrants, Dam Safety	6,440	5,940	6,183
Highway and Streets			
Highway and Streets	774,409	810,068	849,654
Street Lighting	10,000	8,509	10,000
Sanitation			
Solid Waste Disposal	180,837	179,946	191,992
Health			
Health Officer	2,300	1,191	2,300
Health Agencies	11,094	11,094	12,285
Welfare			
Administration	900	1,125	900
Vendor Payments & Other	9,250	4,561	9,250

Culture and Recreation			
Parks and Recreation	7,575	6,751	11,175
Library	59,775	59,775	59,775
Patriotic Purposes	1,000	932	1,000
Other Culture and Recreation	2,500	2,500	2,000
Conservation			
Admin. & Purchase of Natural Resources	23,800	23,495	26,800
Debt Service			
Princ. – Long Term Bonds & Notes	125,812	125,812	125,812
Interest – Long Term Bonds & Notes	11,323	11,172	6,794
Interest on TANs	20,000	12,549	18,000
Interest – other	0	784	500
Capital Outlay			
Land	0	0	70,000
Machinery, Vehicle & Equipment	52,906	52,904	39,925
Buildings	20,000	20,000	39,400
Improvements Other Than Buildings	56,200	55,925	71,800
Operating Transfer Out			
To Capital Reserve Fund	90,000	90,000	90,000
To Trust Fund	0	0	1,000
Total Appropriations	**$2,298,596**	**$2,275,533**	**$2,547,688**

	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing FY
SOURCE OF REVENUE			
Taxes			
Land Use Changes Taxes	$7,000	$10,755	$7,000
Timber Taxes	7,800	11,311	8,000
Other Taxes – Boat	4,000	5,568	5,000
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	35,000	39,362	36,000
Excavation Tax	0	699	0
Licenses, Permits and Fees			
Business Licenses & Permits	16,543	16,543	17,000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	270,000	276,499	270,000
Building Permits	20,000	26,170	24,000
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees	18,000	33,740	25,000
From Federal Government			
Fema	50,163	50,163	0

From State			
Shared Revenue	6,875	6,875	6,800
Meal & Rooms Tax Distribution	63,043	63,043	60,000
Highway Block Grant	70,409	70,166	72,602
From Other Governments	8,600	8,600	8,600
Charges For Services			
Income from Departments	800	939	1,000
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Sale of Municipal Property	2,500	2,500	0
Interest on Investments	14,000	16,131	15,000
Other	10,000	11,644	10,000
Interfund Operating Transfers In			
From Capital Reserve Fund	0	0	70,000
From Conservation Funds	10,000	10,000	13,000
Total Estimated Revenue & Credits	**$614,733**	**$660,708**	**$649,002**

Appropriations Recommended..... **$2,547,688**

Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits..... **$649,002**

Amount of Taxes to be Raised..... **$1,898,686**

TOWN OF FREEDOM
DETAIL OF REVENUE
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2008

Source		Amount
Property Tax Levy	5,390,030	
Interest & Penalties Late Taxes	39,362	
Land Use Change	10,755	
Excavation Tax	699	
Yield Tax	11,311	
Boat Tax	5,568	5,457,725
State Aid:		
Shared Revenue Block Grant	6,875	
Meals & Rooms Distribution	63,043	
Highway Block Grant	70,166	140,084
Federal Aide - FEMA		50,163
Transfer Station:		
Permits	3,100	
Tipping Fees	14,292	
Recycling Revenue	6,419	23,811
Building Inspector:		
Permits		26,171
Police Department:		
Reports	112	
Special Detail Fees	939	1,051
Selectmen:		
Copies-Printouts-Maps-Regulations		1,122
Donations		6,300
Other Permits & Fees		3,078
Fines & Forfeits		2,500
Planning Board Fees		650
ZBA Fees		2,935
Recovery of Legal Fees		3,530
Town of Eaton (Fire)		8,600
Cable TV Franchise Fee		16,543
Motor Vehicle Registrations		276,499
Interest Income		16,131
Dog Licenses		765
Added Property Commitment of Prior Years		580
Sale of Town Property		2,500
Conservation - Town Forest Maint		10,000
TOTAL		6,050,738

TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2008

	GENERAL FUND			SPECIAL REVENUE	TRUST FUNDS	
REVENUES	**BUDGET**	**ACTUAL**	**VARIANCE FAVOR-(UNFAV)**	**ACTUAL**	**ACTUAL**	**TOTAL ACTUAL**
Taxes - Property	5,389,831	5,390,030	199	0	0	5,390,030
Taxes - Timber	7,800	11,311	3,511	0	0	11,311
Excavation Tax	0	699	699	0	0	699
Taxes - Land Use Change	7,000	10,755	3,755	10,755	0	21,510
Boat Registrations	4,000	5,568	1,568	0	0	5,568
Motor Vehicle Registrations	270,000	276,499	6,499	0	0	276,499
Interest & Penalties Delinquent Taxes	35,000	39,362	4,362	0	0	39,362
Interest Income	14,000	16,131	2,131	0	7,388	23,519
Intergovernmental	199,090	198,847	(243)	93,856	0	292,703
Miscellaneous	67,843	91,536	23,693	68,718	0	160,254
Total Revenues	**5,994,564**	**6,040,738**	**46,174**	**173,329**	**7,388**	**6,221,455**
EXPENDITURES						
General Government	567,038	541,254	25,784	37,153	0	**578,407**
Public Safety	499,368	475,552	23,816	15,065	0	**490,617**
Public Works	820,009	879,531	(59,522)	7,718	0	**887,249**
Health & Sanitation	225,581	223,581	2,000	0	0	**223,581**
Welfare	10,150	5,686	4,464	0	0	**5,686**
Cultural & Recreation	86,450	85,483	967	200	0	**85,683**
Education	3,336,782	3,336,782	0	0	74,970	**3,411,752**
County Tax	494,186	494,186	0	0	0	**494,186**
Total Expenditures	**6,039,564**	**6,042,055**	**(2,491)**	**60,136**	**74,970**	**6,177,161**
	0					
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(45,000)	(1,317)	43,683	113,193	(67,582)	44,294
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Operating Transfers (Net)	(45,000)	(70,554)	25,554	20,000	(74,446)	0
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	0	69,237	69,237	93,193	6,864	44,294
FUND BALANCE AT JANUARY 1, 2008	838,246	713,246	0	50,613	398,996	1,287,855
FUND BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2008	**713,246**	**782,483**	**69,237**	**143,806**	**405,860**	**1,332,149**

TOWN OF FREEDOM
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FISCAL YEAR 2008

	BALANCE 01/01/08	NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED	TRANSFER TO GENL FUND REVENUE	BALANCE 12/31/08
INTERFUND TRANSFERS IN:					
Cemetery P/C Int.	3,725	328	171	0	3,882
Total Transfers In	**3,725**	**328**	**171**	**0**	**3,882**
GIFTS AND DONATIONS:					
General Government:					
Town Hall - Kitchen	716	100	1,432	0	-616
Public Safety:					
Police Dept	1,997	700	0	0	2,697
Fire Dept	750	1,050	300	0	1,500
Highways:					
Highway Dept	432	200	0	0	632
Culture and Recreation:					
Recreation	1,090	300	200	0	1,190
Total Gifts and Donations	**4,985**	**2,350**	**1,932**	**0**	**5,403**
POLICE:					
SPEED (Grant)	-693	3,197	2,291	0	213
DWI Patrol - State Grant	0	795	2,787	0	-1,992
Detail - State Grant - Fish & Game	0	1,636	1,449	0	187
K9 Dog Grant	0	5,405	5,564	0	-159
Outside Detail	0	2,196	2,673	0	-477
Total Outside Detail	**-693**	**13,229**	**14,765**	**0**	**-2,228**
GRANTS:					
Highway - FEMA - Storm Damage	0	81,002	7,718	10,000	63,284
Fire - Wakefield Hwy MIT	0	1,000	0	0	1,000
Total Grants	**0**	**82,002**	**7,718**	**10,000**	**64,284**
CONSERVATION:					
Conservation - Milfoil Gifts	100	0	0	0	100
Conservation - Gifts	195	0	0	0	195
Conservation - Land Use Tax	13,885	10,755	0	0	24,640
Stewardship - Gifts	599	500	0	0	1,099
Trout Pond Forest Stewardship	1,100	13,608	708	0	14,000
Town Forest Maintenance	27,492	30,667	7,767	10,000	40,392
Moose Plate Grant	0	0	7,566	0	-7,566
Ruffed Grouse Soc - Grant	0	5,000	5,000	0	0
Cons Wildlife Man Insti Grant	0	2,500	2,500	0	0
NH Fish & Game Grant	0	3,000	3,000	0	0
WHIP Grant	-775	9,718	9,010	0	-67
Total Conservation	**42,596**	**75,748**	**35,551**	**10,000**	**72,793**
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	**50,613**	**173,657**	**60,137**	**20,000**	**144,134**
ACTIVITY BY FUNCTION:					
General Government	4,441	428	1,603	0	3,266
Public Safety	2,054	15,979	15,065	0	2,969
Highways	432	81,202	7,718	10,000	63,916
Conservation	42,596	75,748	35,551	10,000	72,793
Culture and Recreation	1,090	300	200	0	1,190
	50,613	**173,657**	**60,137**	**20,000**	**144,134**

PROPERTY VALUATION INVENTORY SCHEDULE

Value of Land Only	Acres	2008 Assessed Valuation	Totals
A. Current Use (at current use values)	11,350	$857,150	
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment	144	13,113	
C. Residential	6,386	300,675,400	
D. Commercial/Industrial	416	6,075,700	
Total of Taxable Land			$307,621,363
Tax Exempt and Non Taxable Land (13,651,900)			
Value of Buildings Only			
A. Residential		215,234,336	
B. Manufactured Housing		20,500,400	
C. Commercial/Industrial		6,080,300	
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement (5 structures)		20,064	
Total of Taxable Buildings			$241,835,100
Tax Exempt and Non Taxable Buildings (9,274,200)			

Public Utilities – Value of all property used in production, transmission and distribution including production, machinery, land, land rights, easements, etc.

Electric	2,663,600
Water Company	103,800
Total Public Utilities	2,767,400
Valuation Before Exemptions	$552,223,863
Elderly Exemptions RSA 72:39, 72:43f & 72:43h - Total Number Granted 17	611,000
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions	$611,000
Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate is Computed	$551,612,863
Less Public Utilities	2,767,400
Net Valuation without utilities which Tax Rate for State Education Tax is Computed	$548,845,463

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS
Purpose of Appropriation

General Government

Town Officers Salaries	$21,150
Election & Registration	9,400
Town Officers Expenses	164,720
Revaluation of Property	27,060
Legal Expenses	23,000
Personnel Administration	37,685
Planning and Zoning	12,050
General Government Buildings	35,850
Cemeteries	2,700
Insurance	35,296
Lakes Region Planning	1,792

Public Safety

Police	286,279
Ambulance	25,375
Fire	135,075
Building Inspection	13,043
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	4,940
Safety Program	500
Water Precinct	1,000
Emergency Management	2,000

Highway, Streets and Bridges

Highway, Streets and Bridges	774,409
Street Lighting	10,000

Sanitation

Solid Waste Disposal	180,837

Health

Administration	2,300
Health Agencies	11,094

Welfare

Administration	900
Vendor Payments	9,250

Culture and Recreation

Parks & Recreation	7,575
Library	59,775
Patriotic Purposes	1,000
Old Home Week	2,500

Conservations

Administration of Natural Recourses.....2,800
Other Conservation 21,000

Debt Services

Bond Principal 125,812
Interest Long Term Bond.....11,323
Interest on TAN 20,000

Capital Overlay

Machinery, Vehicles and Equipment.....52,906
Buildings.....20,000
Improvements other than buildings 56,200

Operating Transfers Out

Highway 10,000
Fire 30,000
Municipal Land and Building 50,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS $2,298,596

Certification

This is to certify that the information contained in this form, appropriations actually voted by the town meeting and special town meeting, were taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Selectmen of Freedom
Donna Cupka
James Brown
Leslie Babb

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
2008 APPROPRIATIONS

Town Officers Salaries

Selectmen	$12,000
Town Clerk	3,000
Tax Collector	3,000
Town Treasurer	3,019
Trustee of Trust Funds	150

Expended	$21,169
Appropriated	21,150
Overrun	$19

Town Office Expenses

Town Clerk Fees	$8,675
Deputy Town Clerk	1,628
Tax Collector Fees & Costs	10,889
Reimbursable Expense	915
Administrative Assistant	42,324
Part-time Salary	23,836
Health/Dental Insurance	16,600
Life/Disability Insurance	1,051
Retirement	1,286
Computer Support	8,885
Dues	2,311
Tax Map Updates	5,093
Meeting/Training	380
Office Supplies	8,246
Telephone/Internet	6,667
Printing, Postage, Notices	2,242
Professional Audit	9,746
Equipment Purchase	440
Misc	306

Expended	$151,520
Appropriated	164,720
Under run	$13,200

Election & Registration

Workers	$6,828
Printing/Advertising	3,405
Equipment and Supplies	321
Expended	$10,554
Appropriated	9,400
Overrun	$1,154

Revaluation of Property

Expended	$27,060
Appropriated	27,060
Balance	0

Legal Expenses

Town Office	$7,630
Planning Board	3,579
Zoning Board	8,499
Expended	$19,708
Appropriated	23,000
Under run	$3,292

Payroll Taxes

Expended	$31,164
Appropriated	37,685
Under run	$6,521

Planning and Zoning

Expended	$7,533
Appropriated	6,450
Overrun	$1,083

Zoning Officer

Part Time Salary	$5,240
Expenses	385
Expended	$5,625
Appropriated	5,600
Overrun	$25

Town Building

Janitorial Services		$8,000
Maintenance		29,859
	Expended	$37,859
	Appropriated	35,850
	Overrun	$2,009
Cemetery	Expended	$1,420
	Appropriated	2,700
	Under run	$1,280
Insurance	Expended	$36,663
	Appropriated	35,296
	Overrun	$1,367

Advertising & Regional Associations

Lakes Region Planning	Expended	$1,792
	Appropriated	1,792
	Balance	$0
Safety & Management Programs	Expended	$0
	Appropriated	500
	Under run	$500

Police Department

Chief Salary	$55,951
Full Time Salary	81,896
Part Time Salaries	17,578
Overtime/Holiday	7,399
Retirement	17,063
Health & Dental Insurance	56,270
Life & Disability Insurance	1,297
Gasoline	10,235
Repairs	7,242
Office/Operating Supplies	3,068
Uniforms	1,798
Telephone	2,796
Equipment	6,081

Animal Control Expense	644
Dare	531
Misc	341
Expended	$270,190
Appropriated	286,279
Under run	$16,089

Fire Department

Chief's Salary	$27,125
Chief's Reimbursable	5,586
Retirement	4,761
Health & Dental Insurance	4,858
Life & Disability Insurance	368
Member's Reimbursable	20,000
Training	2,104
Prevention	741
Mutual Aid Dues	4,500
Utilities	14,720
Equipment Purchases	14,604
Vehicle Repairs & Gas	10,556
Building Maintenance	3,673
Turnout Gear	2,635
Radio/Equipment Repairs	1,448
First Responders	3,919
Operating/Office Expense	1,836
Misc	167
Expended	$123,601
Appropriated	130,075
Under run	$6,474

Forest Fire Protection	Expended	$4,828
	Appropriated	5,000
	Under run	$172

Water Precinct	Expended	$1,000
	Appropriated	1,000
	Balance	$0

Building Inspector

Part Time Salary	$11,000
Expenses	1,443
Expended	$12,443
Appropriated	13,043
Under run	$600

Health Officer

Part-time Salary	$917
Expenses	274
Expended	$1,191
Appropriated	2,300
Under run	$1,109

Health & Social Services

Ambulance	$25,371
C.C. Mental Health	1,433
Children Unlimited	1,800
Community Action Program	4,000
White Mountain Health Center	1,724
Visiting Nurse Service	997
Starting Point	500
Red Cross	640
Expended	$36,465
Appropriated	36,469
Under run	$4

Welfare

Part-time Salary	$1,125
General Assistance	4,561
Expended	$5,686
Appropriated	10,150
Under run	$4,464

Parks & Recreation

Expended	$6,751
Appropriated	7,575
Under run	$824

Library.....Expended.....$59,775
Appropriated.....59,775

Balance.....$0

Patriotic Purposes
Old Home Week.....$2,500
Other.....932

Expended.....$3,432
Appropriated.....3,500

Under run.....$68

Conservation Commission.....Expended.....$23,495
Appropriated.....23,800

Under run.....$305

Bond Principal.....Expended.....$125,812
Appropriated.....125,812

Balance.....$0

Interest Expense
T.A.N.....$12,549
Bond.....11,172
Other Interest.....784

Expended.....$24,505
Appropriated.....31,323

Under run.....$6,818

Ossipee Lake Dam Authority.....Expended.....$4,940
Appropriated.....4,940

Balance.....$0

Highway Maintenance
Summer
Labor.....$92,708
Rental Equipment.....40,101
Materials.....12,346
Road Striping.....4,473
Contract Services.....26,550
Total Summer Maintenance.....**$176,178**

Winter

Labor	$121,848
Rental Equipment	121,126
Materials	76,404
Village Snow Removal	812
Total Winter Maintenance	**$320,190**

General Highway Expense	$137,768
Health & Dental Insurance	69,646
Life/Disability Insurance	1,944
Retirement	4,232

Expended	$709,958
Appropriated	664,999
Over run	$44,959

Street Lights

Expended	8,509
Appropriated	10,000
Under run	$1,491

Transfer Station

Labor	$37,143
Health & Dental Insurance	22,669
Life/Disability Insurance	484
Retirement	960
Engineering	5,848
Transfer Fees	99,570
Household Hazardous Waste Fee	1,949
Utilities/Maintenance	9,154
Operating Expense	2,169

Expended	$179,946
Appropriated	180,837
Under run	$891

Capital Reserve

Highway Equipment	$10,000
Fire Department Equipment	30,000
Municipal Land/Building	50,000

Expended	$90,000
Appropriated	90,000
Balance	$0

Capital Outlay/Individual Articles

Highway – Rice Hill culvert	$24,600
Highway – Crack and seal	10,800
Highway – Seal coat Town roads	36,626
Highway – Repave Town roads	63,484
Transfer Station Compactor	31,350
Town Hall Kitchen	20,000
Fire Department – Dry hydrants	4,000
Fire Department – Fire hoses	9,715
Fire Department – Repair Engine 7	3,500
Emergency Management – Cots, etc.	2,000
Police – 4 Wheeler	8,339
Parks & Recreation – Ball field	15,525
Website upgrade	1,000

Expended	$230,939
Appropriated	240,516
Under run	$9,577

TOTAL BUDGET UNDERRUN.....$23,063

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Appropriations 2,298,596
Less: Revenues.....735,7773
Less: Shared Revenues 3,058
Add: Overlay.....26,819
War Service Credits 38,450

Net Town Appropriation.....1,625,036

Approved Tax/City Tax Effort.....1,625,036

Town Rate 2.95

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget.....3,336,782
State Education Tax .....(1,162,183)

Approved School(s) Tax Effort 2,174,599

Local School Rate 3.94

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x 2.14
543,076,249.....1,162,183
Divided by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)
548,645,463
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted
To State Pay to State 0

State School Rate 2.12

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County 494,186
Less: Shared Revenues.....(904)

Approved County Tax Effort 493,282

County Rate .89

TOTAL RATE 9.90

Total Property Taxes Assessed 5,455,100
Less: War Service Credits.....(38,450)

Total Property Tax Commitment.....5,416,650

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation		**Tax Rate**	**Assessment**
State Education Tax (no utilities)	548,845,463	2.12	1,162,183
All Other Taxes	551,612,863	7.78	4,292,917
			5,455,100

TOWN OWNED EQUIPMENT
In Excess of $1,000

Highway

1963 York Rake
2000 Cat 924C Hough Loader
1992 Morbark Chipper
2003 International All Wheel Drive
2006 Ford F550 One Ton
1991 MB Sweeper
1994 Billy Goat
2006 Hiway 12' stainless steel sander
2001 Hiway 3 yd stainless steel sander
2000 Hiway 5 yd stainless steel sander
1999 Hiway 5 yd stainless steel sander
1999 Shoulder Gravel Machine
1997 Gallon Grader
2001 Pressure Washer
Miller Generator

Police Department

2004 Chevy Tahoe
2 2006 Ford Crown Victoria
3 Kustom Golden Eagle II Radar units
4 Laptop computers
3 Mobile Motorola Astro Digital Radio
4 Portable Motorola XTS 3000 Digital Radios
2007 Polaris Ranger 6x6
2007 CanAm 4x4 ATV

Fire Department

2006 F550 Ford Forestry Truck
2000 F350 Ford Rescue Truck
1996 Spartan Fire Truck
1989 Mack Fire Truck
1985 Chevy Tank Truck
1948 Military Forestry Truck

1926 Seagrave Fire Truck
2004 Portable Deck Gun
1996 Stinger Deck Gun
2006 (23) XTS 2500i Portable Radios
2004 (4) Motorola Astro Digital Radios
1996 100 Watt Kenwood Radio
1998 Jaws of Life Power Unit
1998 Hurst 60" Hydraulic Ram
1998 Hurst 30" Hydraulic Ram
1998 Hurst Combi Tool Spreader Cutter
1998 Hurst Cutter
2004 Stabilization Kit
MSA 5500 Thermal Imaging Camera
10 MSA Airpacks
Honda Generator
2007 13,000 watt Honda Generator
10,000 Watt Diesel Generator
Multi Gas Meter
2 Darley Portable Pumps
2000 275 Gallon Forestry Skid Unit
2002 450 Gallon Forestry Skid Unit
2007 75 gallon Skid Unit with Pump/Reel
2006 Akron Hose Tester
2007 Can Am 4x4 ATV
2007 Polaris Ranger 6x6
2007 315PSI Forestry Pump
2006 120GPM Forestry Pump
Phillips 12 Lead Cardiac Monitor

Transfer Station

3 Hydraulic Compactors, Boxes
12' Snowpusher
1995 Case 560L Backhoe

TOWN OWNED PROPERTY SCHEDULE

Assessed Values
As Of April 1, 2008

Town Hall, Town Office, Land and Buildings	$745,500
Furniture and Equipment	72,000
Roller Shed, Land and Building	40,000
Library, Land and Buildings	426,000
Furniture and Equipment	50,000
Police Department Equipment	100,000
Fire Department, Land and Buildings	364,700
Equipment	991,000
Highway Department, Land and Buildings	171,200
Equipment	325,000
Materials and Supplies	15,112
Transfer/Recycling Facility, Land and Buildings	125,500
Equipment	90,000
Parks, Commons, Playgrounds and Beaches	829,700
Schools, Land and Building	2,541,100
Furniture and Equipment	135,100
Conservation Commission	699,500
Trout Pond Town Forest	2,748,400
All Land Acquired Through Tax Collectors Deeds	410,900
All Other Property	
Fox Run Lot	120,600
Backland off Cushing Corner Road Abuts Morrow/Hayes – Owners Uncertain	34,700
	$11,036,012

SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY

Liability at Beginning of Year	$1,348,829
Assessment for Current Year	3,336,782
Total Liability with in Current Year	$4,685,611
Payments made to School District	$3,130,829
Liability at End of Year	1,554,782
Total	$4,685,611

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES

New Issues During Current Year	$1,673,000
Issues Retired During	1,673,000

TOWN OF FREEDOM
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2008

General Fund

	BEGINNING	ENDING
ASSETS:		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash	1,763,104	1,909,174
Taxes Receivable	352,748	332,325
Tax Liens Receivable	78,760	102,984
Accounts Receivable	13,130	5,480
TOTAL ASSETS	**2,207,742**	**2,349,963**
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY:		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Warrants and Accounts Payable	200	0
Due To School District	1,348,829	1,554,782
Other Payables	3,151	1,989
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**1,352,180**	**1,556,771**
FUND EQUITY:		
Reserve For Encumbrances	17,316	10,709
Undesignated Fund Balance	838,246	782,483
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	**855,562**	**793,192**
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	**2,207,742**	**2,349,963**

TOWN OF FREEDOM
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2008

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

	BEGINNING	ENDING
ASSETS:		
Current Assets:		
Cash	49,974	143,806
Due From Other Funds	686	352
TOTAL ASSETS	**50,660**	**144,158**
LIABILITIES:		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	47	24
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**47**	**24**
FUND EQUITY:		
Reserve For Special Purposes	50,613	144,134
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	**50,613**	**144,134**
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	**50,660**	**144,158**

TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2008

	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	GENERAL LONG TERM DEBT	TRUST	TOTALS (Memorandum Only) 12/31/08	12/31/07
ASSETS						
Current Assets:						
Cash And Equivalents	1,909,174	143,806	0	406,212	2,459,192	2,212,760
Taxes Receivable	332,325	0	0	0	332,325	352,748
Tax Liens Receivable	102,984	0	0	0	102,984	78,760
Accounts Receivable	5,480	0	0	0	5,480	13,130
Due From Other Governments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Due From Other Funds	0	352	0	0	352	686
Amount To Be Provided For Retirement					0	
Of Bonds Payable	0	0	251,624	0	251,624	377,436
TOTAL ASSETS	**2,349,963**	**144,158**	**251,624**	**406,212**	**3,151,957**	**3,035,520**
LIABILITIES						
Current Liabilities:						
Warrants And Accounts Payable	0	24	0	0	24	247
Due To School District	1,554,782	0	0	0	1,554,782	1,348,829
Due To State	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bonds Payable	0	0	251,624	0	251,624	377,436
Due To Other Funds	0	0	0	352	352	686
Other Payables	1,989	0	0	0	1,989	3,151
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**1,556,771**	**24**	**251,624**	**352**	**1,808,771**	**1,730,349**
FUND EQUITY:						
Reserve For Special Purposes	10,709	144,134	0	405,860	560,703	466,925
Undesignated Fund Balance	782,483	0	0	0	782,483	838,246
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	**793,192**	**144,134**	**0**	**405,860**	**1,343,186**	**1,305,171**
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	**2,349,963**	**144,158**	**251,624**	**406,212**	**3,151,957**	**3,035,520**

DEBT – AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE

Purpose	**Road Upgrade**
Annual Installment	$125,812
Interest Rate	3.60
Date of Final Payment	04/14/10
Bonds o/s at beginning of year	377,436
Bonds issued this year	0
Bonds Retired this year	0
Bonds o/s at end of year	251,624

Annual required to amortize all general obligation (debt as of 12/31/08)

Year	**Principal**	**Interest**	**Total**
2009	125,812.00	6,793.85	132,605.85
2010	125,812.00	2,264.62	128,076.62
	251,624.00	9,058.47	260,682.47

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

TOWN OF FREEDOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

(January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008)

Report of Revenue Received

2557	Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	$276,499.41
212	Dog Licenses	1,192.00
55	Vital Copies	520.00
9	Marriage Licenses	405.00
	Dump Permits	130.00
	Dog Fines/Penalties	113.00
	Filing Fees	23.00
	Wetlands Applications	50.00
	Postage	25.00
	Pole Line Easements	60.00
	UCC filings	405.00
	Title Applications	26.00
	Tape Copy	25.00
	Photo Copies	8.00
	TOTAL:	**$ 279,481.41**

Respectfully submitted,

A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2008

DEBITS		Levies of:	
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year:	**2008**	**2007**	**2006**
Property Taxes		$374,564.70	2,471.98
Timber Yield Taxes		$1,200.63	472.71
Taxes Committed This Year:			
Property Taxes	$5,416,849.00	4,054.10	
Land Use Change	24,150.00		
Timber Yield Taxes	14.222.80		
Excavation Tax	699.44		
Overpayment:			
Remaining From Prior Year	$2,327.80		
New This Fiscal Year	11.515.01		
Interest – Late Tax	489.06	14,183.30	498.77
TOTAL DEBTS	**$5,470,253.11**	**$394,002.73**	**$3,443.46**

CREDITS			
Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	$5,065,249.43	$227,670.14	$2,471.98
Land Use Change Taxes	21,510.00		
Timber Yield Taxes	9,456.95	21.16	472.71
Interest & Penalties	489.06	14,183.30	498.77
Excavation Tax	699.44		
Converted to Liens (principal only)		148,470.66	
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned	1,898.80		
Abatements Made:			
Property Taxes	$2,442.16	$2,254.00	
Land Use Change Taxes	2,640.00	1,179.47	
Timber Yield Taxes	2,656.80	224.00	
Uncollected Revenue End of Year:			
Property Taxes	$349,157.41		
Timber Yield Taxes	2,109.05		
Remaining Overpayments – Prior Years	429.00		
Remaining Overpayments – This Year	11,515.01		
TOTAL CREDITS	**$5,470,253.11**	**$394,002.73**	**$3,443.46**

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES/ TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2008

DEBITS	2007	Levies of: 2006	2005+
Unredeemed Liens			
Beginning of Fiscal Year:		$67,097.89	$22,186.36
Liens Executed During FY	$156,444.45		
Interest and Costs Collected	5,246.39	11,296.27	7,666.06
TOTAL LIEN DEBTS	**$161,690.84**	**$78,394.16**	**$29,852.42**

CREDITS			
Remitted to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	$66,535.08	$44,551.76	$21,143.76
Interest & costs Collected	5,246.39	11,296.27	7,666.06
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	2,126.10	194.75	50.88
Liens Deeded to Municipality	1,963.34	951.82	955.02
Unredeemed Liens End of FY	85,819.93	21,399.56	36.70
TOTAL LIEN CREDITS	**$161,690.84**	**$78,394.16**	**$29,852.42**

PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2006

Ossipee Realty Corp 278.00

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2007

Altieri 644.00
Averell..... 241.00
Bergevin..... 317.00
Broz..... 67.00
Camp Cody 318.00
Coco & Sexton, Ent 126.00
Connelly..... 55.00
Cunning/Withee 20.00
Delgado 279.00
Dix..... 160.00
Foote 178.00
Forrest 538.00
Giles 572.00
Greenstein 140.00
Hellquist..... 45.00
Hogan..... 35.00
Ingham 52.00
Jeremiah 309.00
Kelley..... 68.00
Kfoury..... 679.00
Kirby, R..... 539.00
Kirby, T..... 539.00
Lemay 194.00
Lloyd..... 845.00
Love 781.00
Marcinkowski 516.00
Marks 39.00
Martin..... 166.00
Marshall 1,735.00
McVey..... 175.00
Myson, LLC..... 363.00
Niiler 1,664.00
Nutile..... 873.00
O'Brien 992.00
Ogren, P 400.00
Parker 1,593.00
Pascarella 782.00
Petit 815.00
Plunges..... 278.00
Rafferty 469.00
Rowe 35.00
Roy..... 191.00
Sapienza 573.00
Santner 2,519.00
Sargent 342.00
Scott 170.00
Sillon..... 47.00
Sindoni 334.00
Skinner 291.00
Teagan..... 575.00
Tersolo 389.00
Thurrell 339.00
Ventura..... 195.00
Wallace 12.00
Wilcox..... 495.00
Wenzel 1,191.00

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2008

Barnaby 250.00
Grina 295.00
Pyteraf..... 270.00
Watts 1,831.00

TREASURER'S REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2008

REVENUE BY DEPARTMENT:	
Tax Collector	5,504,416
Town Clerk	279,527
Selectmen	481,617
Building Inspector	26,171
Boat Tax	5,520
INTEREST EXPENSE:	
Tax Anticipation Notes	12,549
Interest income	16,131
TOTAL CASH ON HAND 12-31-08	**2,505,981**

On September 9, 2008 Ralph Kazanjian the Town Treasurer passed away while still in office. He took being Treasurer very seriously and always felt triumphant when he could make the most of the Town's investments. He will be missed and always be remembered for the unique individual he was.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Treasurer

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Freedom
Freedom, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Freedom as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Freedom as of December 31, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The budgetary comparison information is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

The Town of Freedom has not presented a management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Freedom's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. They have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements take as a whole.

Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association

December 19, 2008

TOWN EMPLOYEES

Police	JoAnne Gayer	$4,291
	James Mullen	5,616
	Josh Shackford	58,181
	Teresa Shackford	6,860
	Francis Suprenard, Jr.	37,868
	Peter Tourigny	41,913
Highway	Devin Bolduc	4,823
	Lance Bolduc	24,383
	Chelsea Brooks	59
	Maureen Brooks	144
	Scott Brooks, Sr.	52,295
	Scott Brooks, Jr	2,214
	James MacDonald	36,747
	Joseph MacDonald	6,150
	Charles Morrill	36,481
	Lisa Nicholson	20,456
	Robert Smith	31,815
	Brian Streeter	8,932
Transfer Station	Justin Brooks	24,847
	Philip Brooks	620
	Harold Libby	391
	George Stone	9,108
Codes Officer	Robert Babine	10,104
	Paul Dorian	896
Zoning Officer	Edward Hatfield	5,240
Office	Holly Brooks	3,755
	Linda Farinella	14,090
	Amanda Feuerborn	309
	Karen Hatch	43,440
Janitor	Justin Brooks	8,000
Planning/Zoning Board/	Linda Farinella	1,722
Conservation Secretarial	Mellisa Ferland	975
Fire Department	Gene Doe	27,125
Health Officer	Pamela Fortin	917
Welfare Officer	Tracy Hayes	1,125

PAYROLL

TOWN OFFICERS	SALARY	FEES	EXPENSES	TOTAL
Selectmen				
Leslie Babb	4,000			4,000
Donna Cupka	4,000			4,000
James Brown	4,000			4,000
Town Clerk				
A. Elizabeth Priebe	3,000	8,675	584	12,259
Deputy Town Clerk				
Sue Brown	1,628			1,628
Treasurer				
Ralph Kazanjian	1,788		468	2,256
Karen Hatch	1,231			1,231
Tax Collector				
Thomas Kondrat	750	3,750	7,140	11,640
Anne Babb	2,250			2,250
Supervisor of Checklist				
Daniel Brooks	730			730
Albert Godfrey	605			605
Patricia McCoy	635			635
Moderator				
Donald Johnson	460			460
Trustee of Trust Funds				
Sue Brown				50
Patricia McCoy				50
Paul Wheeler				50

MAJOR SERVICE SUPPLIERS

Allstate Asphalt (HD) 46,696
Allstate Fire Equipment (FD) 1,317
Atlantic Recycling Equipment, LLC. (TS) 1,293
Avitar Assoc. of NE, Inc. (GG) 5,024
Babine, Robert (GG) 595
BB Chain, Inc (HD) 1,533
BDR Builders (GG) 2,800
Bergeron Protective Clothing (FD) 2,065
HEBergeron (GG) 6,761
Boewe, George (Cemeteries) 1,420
Bolduc, Devin (HD) 1,620
Brocktalk Education (FD) 2,000
GW Brooks & Sons, Inc. (HD) 100,042
Brooks Sr., Scott (HD) 73,901
CN Brown (GG) 21,922
John Brown & Sons, Inc (GG) 5,175
Burroughs, Bonnie (GG) 744
Business Management Systems, Inc. (GG) 3,090
Bye, Donald (GG) 741
Charrette Flooring (GG) 3,075
AJ Coleman & Sons, Inc. (HD) 1,946
Coleman Concrete, Inc. (HD) 1,802
Coleman Rental Supply, Inc. (HD) 1,946
Conway Truck & Service, LLC (GG) 3,344
Conway Veterinary Hosipital, LLC (PD) 869
Crossway Repair (GG) 1,106
Daily Sun (GG) 2,249
Darley (FD) 4,291
DiPrizio GMC Trucks, Inc. (HD) 7,537
Dynomite Varitey Store, Ltd (HD) 601
Eaglecrest Corp (HD) 1,601
Eastman's Welding (HD) 3,342
E.J. Prescott, Inc (HD) 4,832
Emergency Medical Products, Inc. (FD) 3,353
Howard P Fairfield, Inc. (HD) 14,522
Fairpoint Communications (GG) 5,775
Feuerborn, Amanda (GG) 726
Firematic Supply Co (FD) 11,842
Flagshop of VT (GG) 932
Forestry Suppliers, Inc (FD) 903
FR Carroll, Inc (HD) 51,790
Frechette Tire Co (HD) 989
Freedom Automotive (PD) 2,917
Freedom Computer, Inc. (GG) 757
Freedom Hardware (GG) 5,002

Freedom Market (PD) 611
Future Supply Corp (FD) 535
Gaftek (HD) 1,232
Galls (PD) 1,571
Garland Lumber Co, Inc (CC) 10,000
Good Neighbor Fence (GG) 1,650
Gould Crane Service, Inc. (HD) 1,600
Granite State Minerals, Inc. (HD) 28,535
Gray & Thompson Concrete Forms, LLC (HD) 6,650
Green Mountain Conservation Group (GG) 2,500
H & R Block (GG) 2,198
Harleysville Life Insurance Co. (GG) 5,145
Hastings Law Office (GG) 8,813
RC Hazelton Co, Inc.(HD) 15,937
Henderson, Walter (GG) 5,191
Huggins Hospital (FD) 6,535
Rick Hurd Contractors (GG) 2,000
Hydrolic Hose & Assemblies, Inc (HD) 971
Ideacom (GG) 1,168
Information Management Corp. (PD) 1,425
Isaacson Steel, Inc. (HD) 704
Katahdin Analytical Services (TS) 938
BH Keith Associates (CC) 13,916
Kelly, Rob (PD) 3,750
L&D Safety Marking Corp (HD) 4,322
Lakes Region Fire Apparatus, Inc. (FD) 5,065
Lakes Region Planning Commission (GG) 5,945
The Lawn Stylists (GG) 3,776
Limerick Steeplejacks, Inc (GG) 1,400
Jesse E. Lyman, Inc. (GG) 98,040
MacDonald Motors (HD) 567
Makifloor Services, LLC (GG) 553
Maple Ridge Septic Service (GG) 3,383
K. Mason Electrical LLC (GG) 6,459
SA McLean & Sons (HD) 8,910
McVey Plumbing & Heating (HD) 4,981
Medstar EMS Inc (GG) 25,371
Michie Corp (HD) 4,541
Milton Cat (HD) 36,738
Morton Salt (HD) 22,347
Motorola (PD) 3,249
Neptune Uniform & Equipment (HD/FD) 1,326
NE Gymnasium Systems (GG) 3,223
NE Milfoil (GG) 8,000
NE Truck Tire Center, Inc. (HD) 749
NFPA (FD) 1,294
Nicom Coatings Corp (HD) 10,800
NRRA (TS) 1,593
Northern Building Supply (GG) 2,784

Northern Human Services (GG)	1,433
Office Depot (GG)	2,356
Ossipee Aggregates (HD)	21,278
Ossipee Auto Parts (PD,FD,HD)	3,334
Ossipee Mountain Electronics, Inc. (GG)	5,411
Palmer Springs Co.(HD)	1,780
Pete's Restaurant Equipment PVL Corp (GG)	4,989
Pike Industries (HD)	7,056
Pine Tree Engineering, Inc. (TS)	4,830
Pine Tree Waste (TS)	128,839
Plodzik & Sanderson (GG)	9,746
Porter Office Machines, Corp. (GG)	828
Positive Promotions (FD)	741
Postmaster Freedom (GG)	2,907
Primex (GG)	37,437
Profile Powersports (PD)	8,705
Public Safety Center, Inc.(FD)	2,249
PSNH (GG)	16,877
Brett S. Purvis & Associates, Inc. (GG)	27,060
Rymes Heating Oils, Inc. (GG)	709
Sanels Autoparts Co (HD)	591
Silver Lake Home Center (GG)	2,225
Susan Slack Esq (GG)	12,286
E.W. Sleeper (HD)	10,351
Staples (GG)	4,190
Tee's Plus (PD)	591
Time Warner Cable (GG)	1,089
Glen Towle Masonry (GG)	4,191
UCOM (FD)	630
Underground Press (GG)	3,534
Unifirst Corp. (HD)	4,502
UNH (HD)	1,125
Van Dyke Welding, Inc (HD)	1,200
Verizon (GG)	2,020
Verizon Wireless (PF/ FD)	3,837
SCW Steve Woodard (GG)	8,082
Zizza Lock & Security (GG)	754

FD – Fire Department
GG – General Government
HD – Highway Department
PD – Police Department
TS – Transfer Station
CC – Conservation Commission

Freedom Public Library
2008 Annual Report

2008 was another great year at the Freedom Public Library. In April, the Librarian, Elizabeth Rhymer, and the trustees developed a mission statement for the library which reads as follows:

> The Freedom Public Library serves as a community center, and we pride ourselves on our warm and welcoming environment for visitors of all ages. We provide a variety of resources, services, and programs to meet the informational, cultural and recreational needs of year round and seasonal residents of Freedom and are committed to open access to materials and resources for all.

Our commitment to create a warm and welcoming environment is apparent to all who enter the library. Twice a week, the library now offers free coffee and tea, and children of all ages have been coming to play on the library's new Wii gaming console. These are just a couple of new ways the library has sought to bring community together here.

The Book Club celebrated its 18th anniversary in 2008. Their monthly book discussion meetings generally attract 10-15 people. In June, the group took a road trip to the Currier Art Museum and Frank Lloyd Wright's Zimmerman House.

Our publicity efforts have been enhanced by a sign board purchased for us by the Friends of the Library. Anyone driving or walking by the library now sees announcements of upcoming events. The director also began a popular library newsletter which is delivered by email to close to 500 patrons and other interested parties.

We counted 9379 patron visits at the library in 2008. The library's five public computers are constantly in use and it is common to have one or more patrons accessing the internet on their laptops with the library's free wireless connection. We have twice as many patrons visit the library in the summer as we do in the winter

months in part because of the large influx of summer residents returning to town. We are happy to be able to provide services for ALL of Freedom's residents, whether seasonal or year round.

The Summer Reading Program was expanded with separate reading programs for children in elementary school and younger, for teens, and for adults with 150 total participants. Local businesses donated enticing prizes for the older two groups and residents donated toys and games for the library store, where the younger children "shopped" for their prizes at the end of the summer. Local residents Laura Riddle and Larry Johnson headed up a four-member rock band that played at the summer reading program finale. What fun.

The summer was bursting with activities including a magic show to kick off the summer at the Freedom Elementary School, weekly teen nights with crafts and movies, pizza and movie nights throughout the summer, writing workshop series, Fun Fridays activities for kids, video workshop, teen book club, preschool story time, and our annual visit from Andrea Wright and her "Books Alive!" program during Old Home Week.

The Friends of the Library continues to support the library in many ways including financially and through providing volunteers. They also sponsored programs of the NH Humanities Council, one in the fall, and a two-session book discussion group in the spring. Several new volunteers stepped up to the plate for the library in 2008 and we thank all of our volunteers for providing the extra manpower to allow the library to provide such a wide range of programs and services. Judy Johnson, Library Assistant, and Elizabeth could never do what they do without the help of our wonderful volunteers.

We were sad to lose our good friend Jim Clemons, who died in April. Jim started our very successful writing workshop for youth and led it for three summers. The family suggested donations to the library in his memory and we were grateful for the $1180 we received. Another friend of the library, Jackie Kucera, passed away this fall and we received donations in her memory as well.

The library was faced with a couple of expensive maintenance projects in 2008. Heat tape was installed on the library roof above the main walkway where ice has been a perennial problem and the library's air handling system had to be replaced. We will need to replace the boiler and the air conditioning system in the near future.

We invite all Freedom residents to visit and discover what a community treasure we have here at the Freedom Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Scully , Chair
Karin Schiller, Secretary
Anne Cunningham, Treasurer

Library Report

Assets on Hand January 1, 2008		
Checking	$	(2,378.79)
Money Market	$	22,151.35
Centennial Fund	$	25.00
Endowment Fund	$	17,272.95
Cayford Trust	$	6,698.00
Williams Fund	$	19,294.61
Total Assets 1/01/08	$	63,063.12
Receipts 2008		
Book Sales & Conscience Fund	$	1,083.85
Town of Freedom Appropriation	$	59,775.00
Fax/Copier	$	353.50
Other Income	$	527.79
Donations	$	3,625.00
CD Interest	$	2,202.29
Bank Account Interest	$	145.46
Total Receipts 2008	$	67,712.89
Total Assets + Receipts 2008	$	130,776.01
Expenditures 2008		
Books & Video	$	7,527.83
Computer	$	3,817.72
Dues & Conferences	$	727.33
Electricity	$	2,429.09
Grounds	$	2,941.95
Heat	$	3,338.03
Maintenance	$	7,395.36
Other	$	905.09
Periodicals	$	329.06
Postage	$	273.68
Supplies	$	1,212.15
Taxes paid by the library	$	2,399.82
Telephone	$	839.37
Wages	$	31,369.92
Water	$	475.00
Total Expenditures 2008	$	65,981.40
Assets 1/1/09		
Checking	$	117.80
Money Market	$	20,886.25
Centennial Fund	$	25.00
Endowment Fund	$	17,772.95
Cayford Trust	$	6,698.00
Williams Fund	$	19,294.61
Total Assets 1/01/09	$	64,794.61
Total Expenditures + Assets 1/01/09	$	130,776.01

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORT

2008 proved to be a battle with Mother Nature. Starting with large amounts of heavy snow which took its toll on roofs and plow equipment. Amending the winter highway budget during town meeting allowed Scott and his gang of dedicated employees to keep our roads to the standard we, as town's people have come to expect. By amending our budget we also avoided any cuts in services that so many area towns are currently dealing with. July dealt us weather that may of us have never seen in our "neck of the woods" - F1 Tornado, followed by flooding rains. Very big hats off to our town's emergency crews, highway dept & neighbors who helped provide quick response and clean up during this disaster. Again this year the board would like to extend a very big thank you to Road Agent Scott Brooks and Administrative Assistant Karen Hatch for filing all of the FEMA paperwork so the town could be reimbursed for 75% of the damage we suffered during these storms. The flooding rains damaged our roads but because we had gravel in reserve, the Highway Dept. was able to make repairs without needing, purchasing or waiting for expensive gravel from other venues, whose supplies were very limited. This year we are once again planning ahead by crushing our own gravel to replace our supply that proved to be so vital & cost effective.

I would like to revisit Selectman Babb's 2005 report regarding our town's growth:
"Along with growth and evolution comes increased demand for services as well as mandates from the state and federal level on building requirements. To meet the needs of accessibility, safety (of the citizens, historical and current records), parking, spatial requirements and storage, we have brought an article forward to start setting aside monies to address the building issue. It is our goal to continue to do this for the next 3 to 5 years so that planning can be done and land may be acquired prior to the start of construction. This should minimize the affect on the tax rate." It has now been almost 4 years in the making and this year we are bringing forth an article to purchase a parcel of land for this project. The Land Committee has encountered many challenges trying to find an appropriate piece of land that had proper location,

acreage, affordable pricing and an owner who was willing to sell. We are very fortunate as a Town that we have enough funds set aside to make this land purchase, because a long term plan has been in place and funding as been appropriated each year. This purchase will have no effect on our tax rate.

On a personal note, it has been an education and a pleasure to serve the Town of Freedom in the role of Selectman for the past 3.5 years. I have learned so much about this wonderful Town and its people who call Freedom home. I have also witnessed how fortunate we are as towns' people to have such dedicated Department Heads and their staffs who truly care about the welfare of their town and who prepare each day to meet the needs of the people who live here. I hope to continue servicing the town in different venues in the future and I hope you will also consider volunteering your time to learn about your town by participating on one of the many boards and/or committees the town needs in order to operate.

For more information regarding the Town of Freedom, please visit our newly upgraded website www.townoffreedom.net. Where you will find minutes from various board meetings, check out what's happening in town by clicking on the calendar feature and utilize the links added for your convenience. I would also like to thank our website committee for their work and suggestions regarding this upgrade.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna M. Cupka, Chairperson

FREEDOM FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Freedom for their continuous support, the members of the Fire Department who continue to respond to the town's residents requests during their emergency needs, the Police Department for their continuous support to the department and the residents of Freedom, the Highway Department who continues to supply the department with well maintained roads, and the ladies in the Town Office who provide daily support to the department.

This year the Fire- Rescue Department was able to purchase, in cooperation with Huggins Hospital, a Philips 12 Lead Cardiac Monitor that lists for $31,105.00 for the price of $6,534.68. This was a savings of $24,570.32. This piece of equipment was mandated by the American Heart Association and the new January 1, 2009 DOT Protocols.

The Fire Department was also able to purchase a Can-Am 650 4x4 ATV with association donations and gift money. The cost was $8,400.00.

In July 2008 the Town was hit by a tornado. The path went across Route 25 to Freedom Shores Road. It then made its way to Old Portland Road and then out into Maine. Considering the damage it caused, many were fortunate it did not strike our more populated areas in town. In learning from this incident, we have been able to develop better communication between Fire, Police and Highway departments here in Town.

The Fire Department has implemented the Residential Assistance Forms. These forms are to be used to compile a list of resident who would or may need assistance during a medical emergency, unforeseen power outage, ice storm or any other incident in Freedom. These will also aid rescuers in ensuring residents have needed items such as glasses, medications, hearing aid, etc. in the

event a resident needs to leave their home and go to the shelter at the Town Hall or other location. These forms can be located at the Town Office, Post Office and the Fire Station.

Day Time Response Times

January 1st through May 25, 2008	3-12 minutes – plus 5 calls with no response
May 26th through Present	1-2 minutes

Respectfully submitted,
Eugene F. Doe, Jr.
Fire Chief

EMS CALLS

Difficulty Breathing	22
Abdominal Pain	8
Sick Person	16
Diabetic Problem	6
Medic Intercepts	20
Unresponsive Person	1
Hypertension	1
Seizure	12
Chest Pain	15
Cardiac Arrest	2
Fall Victim	14
Ambulance Assist	1
Suicidal Attempt/Threat	4
Stroke	5
Untimely	1
Syncope	4
Hemorrhage	3
Lift Assist	3
Back Pain	5
Allergic Reaction	6
Knee/Leg/Arm Injury	2
Head Injury	3
GI Bleed	1
Swallow Object	1
Dehydration	1
Pain	1
Hand Injury	1
No Responders	5
M.A. EMS	2
Total EMS Calls	166

FIRE CALLS

Fire Alarm Activations	28
Smoke Investigations	5
Motor Vehicle Accident	9
Water Rescue	1
Chimney Problem	2
Chimney Fire	2
Snowmobile Accident	2
Search – Missing Person	1
Propane Leak/Problem	3
Furnace Problem	1
Dumpster Fire	1
Oven/Stove Fire	2
Dryer Fire	1
Electrical Problem	1
Water Leak	1
Station Coverage	1
CO Alarm	4
Service Call	3
Utility Pole Fire/Trees on Wires	2
Pole/Wires Down	5
Trees Down	2
Vehicle Fire	1
Transformer Problem	1
Illegal Burn	18
Brush/Grass Fire	4
Police Standby	1
Tornado Response	6
M.A. Brush/Grass	1
M.A. Structure Fire	6
M.A. Electrical Fire	1
M.A. MVA	4
M.A. Station Coverage	5
M.A. Fire Alarm	2
M.A. Wires Down	1
Total Fire Calls	128
Total Calls	294

Medstar EMS – 2008 Activities Report
Town of Freedom

To The People of Freedom;

In 2008 Medstar responded to nearly 1900 calls completing yet another busy year. In addition to our emergency work we have made many updates and improvements to the services we provide.

Our staff now includes 33 NREMTs, certified from basic level to paramedic. We operate with 6 crew members on duty 24/7. We are proud to say we have paramedic level service a minimum of 76 hours per week. Though it is not required we believe it is of extreme importance. We now have five ambulances, and within the next couple of months, that will increase to seven. In an effort to offer the people of our area more comprehensive service we soon will be offering wheelchair van transportation. In the spring we will be placing a small motor home in service. This vehicle will be used to provide rehab for firefighters, a command post for extended rescues, and a mobile first aid room for events. Again, this is not a requirement, but it is an added service that we believe has considerable importance. Through our Operations Manager, who is a NH certified EMS Instructor we are now offering EMT Basic as well as EMT Intermediate training locally. We now have a full-time certified mechanic in house. This has made a tremendous difference in our maintenance program and ensures a faster turn around on vehicle repairs. Ambulances are no different than our own vehicles. When they develop a mechanical issue it is important to get them back in service as soon as possible. An in house mechanic has proven to be of great benefit.

We look forward to our continued growth and improvement and in our service to The Town of Freedom.

I would like to Thank the Board of Selectmen, The members of The Fire Department , The Rescue Squad, The Police Department and The Highway Department for their assistance throughout the year, and of course the people of Freedom for their continued support.

FREEDOM RESPONSES

Medical Aids:	140
Advanced Life Support Transports:	92
Trauma:	18
Basic Life Support Transports:	37
Motor Vehicle:	9
Resident Transports:	79
Assist Fire:	45
Non-Resident Transports:	50
Assist PD	1
Patient Assist w/o Transport:	26
TOTAL:	214

Respectfully Submitted;
Randy Hayford
Medstar EMS

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfl.org.

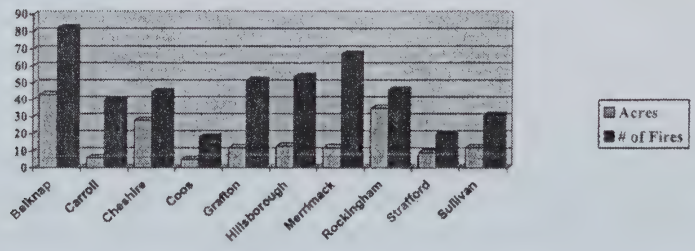
Spring fire season lasted unusually long this past year, with very high fire danger stretching into the first week of June. Once again, the rains started to fall during the summer and the fire activity was fairly light for the remainder of the year. The acreage burned was less than that of 2007. The largest forest fire during the 2008 season burned approximately 54 acres on Rattlesnake Mountain in Rumney on White Mountain National Forest property. Another 39 acre fire occurred on Mount Major in Alton during the month of April. Our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2008 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2008 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 24, 2008)

(figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	43	82
Carroll	6	40
Cheshire	28	45
Coos	5	18
Grafton	12	52
Hillsborough	13	54
Merrimack	12	67
Rockingham	35	46
Strafford	9	20
Sullivan	12	31



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson	2
Debris	173
Campfire	35
Children	23
Smoking	36
Railroad	2
Equipment	11
Lightning	11
Misc.*	162 (*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

	Total Fires	Total Acres
2008	455	175
2007	437	212
2006	500	473
2005	546	174
2004	482	147

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

POLICE DEPARTMENT

This has certainly been a challenging year for the Police Department; I believe that we have come out of it better than ever.

This year Sergeant James Mullen will be joining us full-time. Sergeant Mullen has worked part-time for the Freedom Police Department for the last four and a half years. He brings with him a plethora of experience. He has worked for the Tuftonboro, Ossipee and Madison Police Departments. His training and experience will allow him to handle anything he could be confronted with in the Town of Freedom. I am certain that Sergeant Mullen will be an excellent fit for the Town of Freedom.

Officer Peter Tourigny is still with us. He has taken on the responsibility of becoming a K-9 Officer. Officer Tourigny has been diligently working on certifications for himself and his dog "Boone". Officer Tourigny will be spending three months this spring at a K-9 Police Academy. Upon graduation he will be a nationally certified K-9 handler and "Boone" will be a nationally certified patrol K-9.

Jo Gayer is still our Animal Control Officer. This year Jo attended the Part-time Police Academy and is now a certified Part-time Police Officer. She has also attended additional animal control officer trainings. The Animal Control Officer takes care of domestic animal situations, wildlife calls should be directed to the NH Fish and Game Department. Jo does a terrific job and all her efforts are greatly appreciated.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Freedom. Your continued donations, contributions of gifts and appreciation of our duties are truly valued. I'd like to also thank my wife Teresa Shackford for being my administrative assistant and keeping me in line both at work and at home. And once again I need to thank Karen Hatch and Linda Farinella for all their assistance throughout the year.

The following is a list of calls for service that the Freedom Police Department handled in 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief Josh L. Shackford

2008 Offenses

911 Hang up	9
Aggravated DWI	2
Alarm	39
Alcoholism – Protective Custody	2
Animal Complaint	65
Arson	1
Assist Citizen	30
Assist to EMS	5
Assist to Fire	9
Assist to Other Agency	12
Attempt to Commit Burglary	1
Attempted Suicide	1
Burglary	7
Change of Address sex offender	1
Civil Issue	16
Conduct after an Accident	3
Criminal Mischief	8
Criminal Threatening	3
Disorderly Conduct	3
Domestic Disturbance	7
Drivers License Prohibitions	1
Driving after Rev/Suspension	1
Driving while Intoxicated	4
Drug Investigation	1
Endangering Welfare of Child	4
Failure to Obey Inspection Req	1
Failure to Report Injury to	1
False Info to Secure Firearm	1
Forgery	2
Fraudulent use of Credit Card	1
Habitual Offender	3
Harassment	2
Harassment – Phone	6
Identity Fraud	2
IEA	3
Issuing Bad Checks	2
Littering	2
Lost or Mutilated Plates	1
Motorist Assist	1
MV Complaint	16
Noise Complaint	1
OHRV Complaint	3
Operate on Land of other w/o Owner Permission	2
Operate on Private Land	1
Operate on Public Way	1
Operating w/o Valid License	2
Operations of OHRV's	1
Plowing Across Roadway	10
Police Report of Accident Req	1
Possession & Use of Tobacco	1
Possession & Use of Controlled/ Narcotic Drug	5
Possession of Drugs in MV	3
Protective Custody-Child in Danger	1
Receiving Stolen Property	1
Reckless Operation	5
Record Check	1
Resisting Arrest or Detention	3
Road Hazard	6
Runaway Juvinile	2
Security Check	4
Serve Stalking Order	2
Sex Offender Duty to Report	4
Sexual Assault-Forcible Fondling	2
Simple Assault	2
Stalking	1
Student Hazing	1
Suspicion & Intelligence	17
Suspicious Death	1
Tampering with Public Records	1
Theft	7
Theft by Deception	2
Theft by Unauthorized Taking	1
Theft from Building	2
Theft from Motor Vehicle	2
Theft of Services	1
Theft of Utility Services	1
Town Load Limits	2
Transporting Alcoholic Beverage	4
Transporting Alcoholic Beverage Passenger	3
Unauthorized Use of Firearm	1
Unregistered OHRV	2
Untimely or Unattended Death	2
VIN Verification	26
Welfare Check	9

Motor Vehicle Accidents	20
MV Citations	617

TRANSFER STATION REPORT

In 2008 the Transfer Station had 952.90 tons removed from the Transfer Station of that 27% was recycled from our solid waste and 23% from the overall total

At the end of 2008 we saw the bottom fall out of the recycling markets. The big one was scrap iron; it went from paying $65 per ton to costing the town $35 per ton. I have elected to set on our scrap metal, but I'm not optimistic the market will recover this year.

Also in 2008 we added the third compactor which has worked out well, allowing us to better manage the waste stream.

I would like to thank all of the department heads and their staff, the Selectmen and my special thanks to the taxpayers and users of the transfer station for your much needed support.

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much" *Helen Keller*

Respectfully Submitted,
Justin Brooks
Transfer Station Manager

Activities of the Transfer Station (in tons):

	2006	2007	2008
Trash	621.27	486.79	474.50
Demo	247.85	243.49	261.49
Glass	56.73	56.39	25.58
Recycle	47.02	133.79	149.83
Scrap Iron	62.27	58.00	38.00
Electronics			3.50
Total Tons	1035.14	978.46	952.90

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The Planning Board began the year with the sudden and untimely death of Chairman Paul Dorian. His contributions to the town were significant and he is sorely missed. In September, Ralph Kazanjian passed away after a long and painful illness. Again, the Board lost a dedicated and hardworking member. We continue to miss them both.

It was a relatively quiet year for land use activities. The Board reviewed and accepted applications for a number of boundary line adjustments and mergers of lots and completed one site plan review. We had no applications for subdivisions this year.

In April, the Board approved the update to the Master Plan and started to work on implementing the Plan's recommendations. Two subcommittees are addressing opportunities for senior housing and steep slopes and ridgeline ordinance options. In November, the Board began work on a change to the zoning ordinance to comply with a new workforce housing law (RSA 674:58-61). With the help of Ned Hatfield, the zoning officer, and Scott Lees, the Chair of the ZBA, the Board produced an article that will allow workforce housing while giving the town control over the location and look of any workforce housing development. Thank you to the Board, Ned and Scott for all their work on this critical effort.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Cunningham, Co-Chair
Brian Hampton, Co-Chair
Freedom Planning Board

FREEDOM PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF MEETINGS
2009

The regular monthly meetings of the Freedom Planning Board are listed below. Meetings are held on the third Thursday at the Freedom Town Hall commencing at 7:00 pm.

Completed applications must be submitted by the closing date noted. Items submitted either after this date of incompletely filled out, will not be placed on the agenda; such applications will be deferred.

Application Submittal Closing Deadline	Regular Planning Board Meeting
December 24, 2008	January 15, 2009
January 29, 2009	February 19, 2009
February 26, 2009	March 19, 2009
March 26, 2009	April 16, 2009
April 30, 2009	May 21, 2009
May 28, 2009	June 18, 2009
June 25, 2009	July 16, 2009
July 30, 2009	August 20, 2009
August 27, 2009	September 17, 2009
September 24, 2009	October 15, 2009
October 29, 2009	November 19, 2009
November 25, 2009	December 17, 2009

ZONING OFFICER REPORT

The year 2008 was a busy year for zoning due to the need to deal with enforcement and to work on changes to the Zoning Ordinance. Routine building permits for accessory buildings or expansions to existing homes were moderate in quantity with a small number of new homes being built.

The biggest change this year was the introduction by the state of a Revised Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act effective July 1st. The purpose of this revision is to require necessary buffers and protective structures to preserve the quality of public waters from erosion and contamination in hopefully more effective ways. Revision of the Freedom Zoning Ordinance regarding shoreland protection and several other issues has continued this year and will be presented to the town for a vote at the 2010 town meeting. These issues include temporary housing, home occupations, and signs among others. The major time consuming issue, which has taken precedence as it is required by state law, is the establishment of a work-force housing ordinance. This will be presented to the town early in 2009 and be ready for a vote at the 2009 town meeting.

Issues which have required most enforcement consideration have been shoreland protection and tree cutting. I would encourage land owners to look into zoning considerations prior to carrying out activities which may require a permit or violate the Town's Zoning Ordinance. Normally compliance can be worked out to everyone's satisfaction.

I once again ask residents to come forth with concerns regarding zoning and possible ordinance changes. Living in a community requires some level of control and works best with thoughtful input from all citizens.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ned Hatfield

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment reviewed 30 applications in 2008; ten of those were requests for dimensional variances (requests to build new structures or additions which are located at least in part in the side, front, or rear setbacks). Nine dimensional variances were granted and one was withdrawn. The Board heard one requests for a use variance (requests to have a use contrary to the zoning code). The variance was granted. The Board also;

- Granted a special exception to allow Berry Bay Condo to install a waterline in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to allow Mr. Costantino to cut trees and rebuild wall and stairs in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to allow Mr. Coyle to cut trees, build retaining walls and driveway in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to allow Mr. & Ms. Emelianoff to expand a boathouse in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to allow Mr. & Ms. Giles to build stairs in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to allow Ms. Marshall to construct a house in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to allow Mr. McConkey to cut trees, rebuild wall and stairs, and construct a beach in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to allow Ms. Mercer to have a home occupation to restore furniture.
- Granted a special exception to allow Mr. Packard to cut trees in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to allow Mr. Pascarella to cut trees and rebuild wall and stairs in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to allow Mr. Pyteraf to rebuild wall in the Shore Front District.

Special exceptions are uses that must meet criteria outlined in the zoning code. Three applications were withdrawn from the board. Five applications were continued to 2009.

The Board would like to hear from citizens or anyone who may be interested in serving on the board. Please contact a Board member or one of the Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Lees Chairman

FREEDOM ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE OF MEETINGS 2009

The regular monthly meetings of the Freedom Zoning Board of Adjustment are listed below. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday at the Freedom Town Hall commencing at 7:00 pm.

Completed applications must be submitted by the closing date noted. Items submitted after this date or incompletely filled out, will not be placed on the agenda; such applications will be deferred.

Application Submittal Closing Deadline	Regular ZBA Meeting
January 12, 2009	January 27, 2009
February 9, 2009	February 24, 2009
March 9, 2009	March 24, 2009
April 13, 2009	April 28, 2009
May 11, 2009	May 26, 2009
June 8, 2009	June 23, 2009
July 13, 2009	July 28, 2009
August 10, 2009	August 25 2009
September 7, 2009	September 22, 2009
October 13, 2009	October 27, 2009
November 9, 2009	November 24, 2009
December 7, 2009	December 22, 2009

BUILDING CODE REPORT

2008 was my first year as Building Inspector in the Town of Freedom.

I come to this job under somewhat sad circumstances in having to replace my good friend Paul, who did only good things for the Town.

Although the economy is at an all time low, this area of small towns has kept surging ahead at a steady pace.

203 Building Permits were issued this year which included 10 new single family homes.

New changes in building codes and water front regulations promises to make for an interesting building season this coming year, as all regulations have become a lot stricter than they have been in the past.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Selectmen and town staff for making this a worthwhile position and I am looking forward to being your Building Inspector for many years to come.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert M. Babine,
Building Code Officer

Freedom Conservation Commission Report

The conservation commission continued in its typical duties of reviewing zoning board and DES applications, most of which pertained to shorefront properties. An amendment to the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act became effective July 1st . It is recommended to become familiar with these changes, especially shorefront property owners, as a permit is required for most construction activities employed within the designated protected shoreland area.

The town forest continues to bring pleasure to many local residents and visitors alike. The Scrub Oak Scramblers hosted its second winter carnival and Purity Springs hosted its first sled dog race throughout part of the forest both of which attracted a large number of participants. Numerous outdoor enthusiasts frequent the forest as well, varying from hunters and fishers to hikers and walkers.

BH Keith Associates have continued to be the consulting foresters and have provided for many achievements in its administration and work plan. A timber harvest conducted for forest improvement and wildlife habitat resulted in revenue that will assist to enable ongoing town forest management practices and wildlife habitat viability. Areas of patch cuts were administered near to the airstrip to create early successional habitat. This habitat improvement compliments ruffed grouse and woodcock and was funded by NH Fish and Game and the Ruffed Grouse Society whom are very enthusiastic about these endeavors. A number of landings were stumped and seeded to provide for permanent grass wildlife openings which were funded through the Wildlife Management Institute and USDA. Mooseplate grant money was also procured to improve the trail to Mary's Mountain, and to create an additional trail from the Jackman Ridge Road to the summit.

Ongoing improvement work on the Jackman Ridge Road to Trout Pond has continued, to provide for access during the summer and while road conditions are appropriate. Unfortunately, some illegal vehicular access remains a problem resulting in the destruction of many of our projects and efforts toward the promotion of quality wildlife habitat. New gate installations have been successfully completed with additional gates planned for 2009. The conservation commission extends its gratitude to Scrub Oak Scramblers and the town road crew for assisting in these installations.

Lastly, a very hearty and grateful acknowledgement is extended to Beth Earle who is leaving the board and whom has been a monumental conservation commission member and co-chair along with a Forest Advisory Committee member and chair. Her outstanding commitment and organizational skills have been significantly noteworthy. Thanks also to Karen Hatch and Linda Farinella for all their great work.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Bossart
FCC Chair

FREEDOM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF MEETINGS
2009

The Freedom Conservation Commission will meet on the third Tuesday of each month commencing at 7:00 at the Freedom Town Hall.

MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR 2009

January 20
February 17
March 17
April 21
May 19
June 16
July 21
August 18
September 15
October 20
November 17
December 15

FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF MEETINGS
2009

The Forest Advisory Board will meet on the first Wednesday of each month commencing at 7:00 at the Freedom Town Hall.

MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR 2009

January 7
February 4
March 4
April 1
May 6
June 3
July 1
August 5
September 2
October 7
November 4
December 2

ROAD AGENT REPORT

The Year 2008, "what a roller coaster ride it was," with soaring fuel costs that affected all aspects of life as we know it today. The most exasperating part of it all was stretching the appropriated funds for the public's safety, preventive maintenance, and the improvements. Prices increased every ten days or so, on many items that are used in maintaining our roads. The price increases were higher than anyone expected. Everything was so unstable; companies would only hold pricing for ten days or less.

Mother Nature left us with 11 snow storms in December '07, January, February, March '08 were just as snowy breaking records for total snow fall, (146 inches in our town). December '08 was the wettest on record. My seven man crew performed the task of snow removal, working 20 weeks at the ready 24/7. The total hours worked (7,092 hrs.) - half of these weeks being over 60 hours.

Our summer of 2008, started off on the dry side. Then the first time in history, on July 24th we are faced with a Tornado destroying acres of forest causing blocked roads. Damage to homes was minimal. A damage assessment team from Emergency Management, from Concord, NH assessed the damage to see if it met FEMA'S threshold for municipal assistance. Our county met the threshold for FEMA'S assistance. Then we experienced one severe rain event after the other until August 14th, bringing FEMA back once again to assess more damage to our roadways. I completed all necessary forms to receive the assistance through FEMA for the damages. These unexpected weather events also created additional work for the Highway Dept. To date we have worked eight weeks to repair the damage and it will take several more weeks this 2009 season.

Maintenance:

- Replaced brake shoes & drums on all wheel drive International.
- Repaired & painted frame on all wheel drive International

Improvement:

- Repaired Ball Field (35'x 180') damaged by grubs
- Reconstruction of 2300 ft. on Rice Hill Road.
  Excavated unsuitable material installed 12" of 3" minus crushed gravel and 4"
  of 1 ½" finish gravel. Installed 2 ½ "of ¾ "asphalt binder.
- Installed 60 ft. of 48 inch culvert w/ precast concrete head wall on Rice Hill Road.
- Installed asphalt shim on Rice Hill, Swett Hill, Youngs Hill and Moulton Roads.
- Installed 6" rip rap in ditch line on Hill Side Drive.

Another challenging year has passed, now I want to take this opportunity to thank all the organizations, Dept. Heads, and Selectmen for their cooperative efforts in all they do to make our Town of Freedom a place to be proud to live in.

Respectfully Submitted
Scott N. Brooks Sr.
Road Agent

FREEDOM OLD HOME WEEK 2008
COMMITTEE REPORT

Freedom's Old Home Week (FOHW) in 2008 was a great success with 10 days of well attended activities. The fun actually started before July 4th with one of our main FOHW fund raising events, the "Rubber Ducky Race". We had decent weather and almost 1100 ducky tickets were sold; 3 lucky winners won prize money for the first 3 ducks over the dam. Kids games, FOHW merchandize, food, popcorn, fire engine and hay wagon rides were all part of this Freedom tradition. The T-shirt this year memorialized the traditional fire engine ride which was great. We owe many thanks to all the volunteers, property owners, police, fire department and Freedom citizens who made this event fun and successful. It was nice to see Freedom come together as a community with so many well produced and supported events.

The Old Home Week activities themselves kicked off with the traditional Lawn Party on Friday night followed by a terrific parade on Saturday morning. It was exciting to have such great music and bands in our parade, which included the Keene NH American Legion band. Thankfully, the rain held off for our Saturday activities. Some highlights from the week included the traditional land and water sports, the ice cream social and High Range Band, family bingo, the talent show, road race, craft fair, as well as several library and church events. New this year was the Family Fun Day event immediately following the parade. We offered games, pie eating contest, live band music, OHW historical exhibit, ice cream, food, merchandize and lots of fun…it was very well attended and we expect to offer this event going forward.

The work and financial support behind this 10+ day event must be recognized as the source of its success. Twenty-one Committee members worked tirelessly from December through August and many additional volunteers provided critical support during the events themselves. Most of the money to carry out these events was raised by fund raisers, donations, food and ticket sales and about 15% came from Freedom taxpayers. We are

grateful for all this personnel and financial support and there would be no Old Home Week without it. The FOHW committee is already planning for another exciting celebration in 2009, which will be July 31- August 9. Please check for event schedules and happening which are updated on our website at (PLEASE, note the new website address is .com). If you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact us.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Shipman, Chair
Freedom Old Home Week Committee, 2008

OSSIPEE LAKE DAM AUTHORITY'S REPORT

The following is a report of the expense of the Dam Authority for the year 2008. Figures for the split between the two towns are based on the assessed equalized value of the two towns. These figures are furnished by the State of New Hampshire, D.R.A.

Sum Required By DES	**$30,000.00**
Expenditures:	**$12,509.81**

Equalization	**Assessment**	**Value**
Ossipee	**$775,565,172.00**	**58.57% of $12,509.81=$7,326.99**
Freedom	**$548,416,281.00**	**41.43% of $12,509.81=$5,182.81**

These figures are revised each and every year, in order to bring the deficit of the past year up to $30,000.00, the beginning balance of the coming year.

The following is a report of expenses for the Dam Authority for the year 2007.

Fairpoint	**$381.55**
PSNH	**130.66**
Postmaster	**52.60**
DES Bearcamp Gage	**7,500.00**
Freedom Fireman's Association.	**75.00**
W Ossipee Fireman's Association	**150.00**
John Picard /Chairman. (Salary)	**3,000.00**
Robert Houle Sec./Tres.(Salary	**500.00**
Snow Removal	**720.00**
Expense	**$12,509.81**

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert F. Houle
Secretary/Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS
TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
December 31, 2008

DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL BALANCE START OF YEAR	PRINCIPAL NEW FUNDS	PRINCIPAL EXPENDED DURING YEAR	PRINCIPAL BALANCE END OF YEAR	INCOME BALANCE STARTOF YEAR	INCOME CURRENT YEAR INCOME	INCOME EXPENDED DURING YEAR	INCOME TRANSFER TO PRINCIPAL	INCOME BALANCE END OF YEAR	TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME
	COMMON TRUST:												
1919	Nancy Skillings	Cem P/C	Mon Mkt	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1919	Nancy Burns	All	All	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	4.33	4.33	0.00	0.00	200.00
1922	Lord & Fowler			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	4.33	4.33	0.00	0.00	200.00
1922	Eliza A Alley			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1924	Ina E Foss			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1924	Metcalf & Cushing			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1924	M C & Stephen Allard			150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	3.25	3.25	0.00	0.00	150.00
1924	Edward H Nason			210.00	0.00	0.00	210.00	0.00	4.55	4.55	0.00	0.00	210.00
1925	A R & Lilla Bennett			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1927	F W Towle			500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	10.82	10.82	0.00	0.00	500.00
1927	Parsons Yard			700.00	0.00	0.00	700.00	0.00	15.15	15.15	0.00	0.00	700.00
1927	J C Libby & V H Connors Lots			500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	10.82	10.82	0.00	0.00	500.00
1928	John W Smith			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1928	Jennie Meserve			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1932	James Wood			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1935	George W Chase			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1937	Joseph H Corson			50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	1.08	1.08	0.00	0.00	50.00
1937	Hulda J Downing			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	4.33	4.33	0.00	0.00	200.00
1938	Godfrey Fund			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1939	Frank P Corson			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1939	Lavinia F Farnsworth			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1939	Howard B Moulton			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1940	Ellen Mitchel			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1941	Stevens,Sweetser,Marston,Harmon			450.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	0.00	9.74	9.74	0.00	0.00	450.00
	TOTAL			4,560.00	0.00	0.00	4,560.00	0.00	98.72	98.72	0.00	0.00	4,560.00

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS
TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
December 31, 2008

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	COMMON TRUST:												
1943	Jessie Drew	Cem P/C	Mon Mkt	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1948	Jessie S Allard	All	All	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1952	Minnie R Towle			112.00	0.00	0.00	112.00	0.00	2.42	2.42	0.00	0.00	112.00
1952	John J Giles			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1953	Carrie B Moses			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1957	Minnie A Eastman			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	4.33	4.33	0.00	0.00	200.00
1957	F M Meloon & J M Parsons			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	4.33	4.33	0.00	0.00	200.00
1958	Elsie M Thurston			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1958	Ernest A Leavitt			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1958	Kezar Cemetery Fund			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	4.33	4.33	0.00	0.00	200.00
1958	Moulton Cemetery			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	4.33	4.33	0.00	0.00	200.00
1959	George & Alfreda Hayes			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	4.33	4.33	0.00	0.00	200.00
1960	Chester H Drake			500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	10.82	10.82	0.00	0.00	500.00
1963	Emelie P Holmgren			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1963	Charles H Watts			450.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	0.00	9.74	9.74	0.00	0.00	450.00
1963	Nelson C Works			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1965	Giles Lot - Swetts Hill			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1965	Cutting Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1965	Andrews Lot			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	4.33	4.33	0.00	0.00	200.00
1966	Lord Cemetery			2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	43.30	43.30	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
1966	Florence Seymore			500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	10.82	10.82	0.00	0.00	500.00
1968	John Works			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1968	John C & Marie Lee			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1968	Jesse Nason & Beck Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
	TOTAL			10,622.00	0.00	0.00	10,622.00	0.00	229.95	229.95	0.00	0.00	10,622.00

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS

TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH

December 31, 2008

				PRINCIPAL				INCOME					
DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	BALANCE START OF YEAR	NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR	BALANCE STARTOF YEAR	CURRENT YEAR INCOME	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	TRANSFER TO PRINCIPAL	BALANCE END OF YEAR	TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME
	COMMON TRUST:												
1969	Albert Phinney	Cem P/C	Mon Mkt	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	3.25	3.25	0.00	0.00	150.00
1969	Drake Lot	All	All	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	6.49	6.49	0.00	0.00	300.00
1972	Lord Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1973	B F Allard & J Durgin			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1976	Charles Bryant Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1977	David Smith Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1977	Albion & Alonzo Pease Lot			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	4.33	4.33	0.00	0.00	200.00
1982	Winston V & Margaret Morrow			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1982	Stephen & Elmira Danforth			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1987	Ernest & Rachel Mulvery			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	4.33	4.33	0.00	0.00	200.00
1988	Gordon D Stokes			300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	6.49	6.49	0.00	0.00	300.00
1988	Pauline Sargent Rounds			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	4.33	4.33	0.00	0.00	200.00
1988	Abe Sargent			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1988	Frederick & Elisabeth Towle			300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	6.49	6.49	0.00	0.00	300.00
1988	Mary S Morrison			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1989	Charles & Mary H Stewart			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1989	William A & Sally Stoops			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
1989	David Sargent			40.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	0.87	0.87	0.00	0.00	40.00
1999	Town Cemetery Fund			1,841.00	0.00	0.00	1,841.00	0.00	39.86	39.86	0.00	0.00	1,841.00
	TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS			15,153.00	0.00	0.00	15,153.00	0.00	328.05	328.05	0.00	0.00	15,153.00
1938	Belinda C Wood	Library	Mon Mkt	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	21.65	21.65	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
1985	Ernest Myrick	Library	Mon Mkt	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2.16	2.16	0.00	0.00	100.00
	TOTAL LIBRARY FUNDS			1,100.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	0.00	23.81	23.81	0.00	0.00	1,100.00
	TOTAL COMMON TRUST FUNDS			**16,253.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**16,253.00**	**0.00**	**351.86**	**351.86**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**16,253.00**

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS
TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH

December 31, 2008

				PRINCIPAL				INCOME					
DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	BALANCE START OF YEAR	NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR	BALANCE STARTOF YEAR	CURRENT YEAR INCOME	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	TRANSFER TO PRINCIPAL	BALANCE END OF YEAR	TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME
	GENERAL FUNDS:												
	Expendable Trust Funds:												
2001	School District	Spec Ed	Mon Mkt	26,288.06	0.00	0.00	26,288.06	0.00	565.75	0.00	0.00	565.75	26,853.81
2002	Town Road Right-of Way		Mon Mkt	11,975.15	0.00	0.00	11,975.15	0.00	257.72	0.00	0.00	257.72	12,232.87
2006	Town Removal of Milfoil		Mon Mkt	522.01	0.00	0.00	522.01	0.00	11.25	0.00	0.00	11.25	533.26
	TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS			**38,785.22**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**38,785.22**	**0.00**	**834.72**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**834.72**	**39,619.94**
	CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:												
1996	School District	Bus	Mon Mkt	88,243.75	0.00	74,970.00	13,273.75	0.00	1,122.26	0.00	0.00	1,122.26	14,396.01
1996	Highway Department	Equip	Mon Mkt	66,617.58	10,000.00	15,554.39	61,063.19	0.00	1,271.75	0.00	0.00	1,271.75	62,334.94
2002	Fire Department	Equip	Mon Mkt	81,734.10	30,000.00	0.00	111,734.10	0.00	1,792.69	0.00	0.00	1,792.69	113,526.79
2006	Town-New Municipal Building and Land		Mon Mkt	102,348.12	50,000.00	0.00	152,348.12	0.00	2,258.64	0.00	0.00	2,258.64	154,606.76
2007	Transfer Station	Equip	Mon Mkt	5,014.69	0.00	0.00	5,014.69	0.00	107.93	0.00	0.00	107.93	5,122.62
	TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVES			**343,958.24**	**90,000.00**	**90,524.39**	**343,433.85**	**0.00**	**6,553.27**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**6,553.27**	**349,987.12**
	TOTAL ALL TRUST FUNDS			**398,996.46**	**90,000.00**	**90,524.39**	**398,472.07**	**0.00**	**7,739.85**	**351.86**	**0.00**	**7,387.99**	**405,860.06**

REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUNDS

TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH

December 31, 2008

DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL: BALANCE START OF YEAR	PRINCIPAL: NEW FUNDS	PRINCIPAL: GAINS OR (LOSSES)	PRINCIPAL: BALANCE END OF YEAR	INCOME: BALANCE STARTOF YEAR	INCOME: CURRENT YEAR INCOME	INCOME: EXPENDED DURING YEAR	INCOME: TRANSFER TO PRINCIPAL	INCOME: BALANCE END OF YEAR	TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME
Bank of New Hampshire	Cem P/C	Mon Mkt	15,153.00	0.00	0.00	15,153.00	0.00	328.05	328.05	0.00	0.00	15,153.00
Bank of New Hampshire	Library	Mon Mkt	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	0.00	23.81	23.81	0.00	0.00	1,100.00
TOTALS			16,253.00	0.00	0.00	16,253.00	0.00	351.86	351.86	0.00	0.00	16,253.00

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FREEDOM

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Place of Birth
02-29-08	O'Sullivan, Steven John	O'Sullivan, Christopher	O'Sullivan, Elaine	Wolfeboro
03-26-08	Hayes, Patrick John	Hayes, Brian	Hayes, Diana	N Conway
04-08-08	Johnson, Steven Joseph	Johnson, Kenneth	Blazonis, Robyn	N Conway
08-13-08	Wright, Max Anson	Wright, Charles	Morrill, Katherine	N Conway
09-22-08	Morrow, Russell Winston	Morrow, Winston	Morrow, Leah	N Conway

Respectfully submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe,
Town Clerk

DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF FREEDOM

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
01-13-08	Freedom	Roberts, William	Roberts, George	Taylor, Hannah
01-24-08	Wolfeboro	Dorian, Paul	Dorian, Paul	Roubian, Newart
03-02-08	Ossipee	Mitchell, Jr. Clenieth	Mitchell, Clenieth	Atkins, Robina
03-14-08	Freedom	Johnson, Roger	--	Johnson, Hazel
06-15-08	Wolfebor	Breslin, Suzanne Loretta	Joyal, Romuald	Grandchamp,
07-18-08	Freedom	Packard, Wendell	Packard, George	Scott, Hortense
08-25-08	Ctr Ossipee	Zachesky, Lawrence	Zachesky, Lawrence	Spaziano,Beradine
09-09-08	Concord	Kazanjian, Ralph	Kazanjian, Sarkis	Eoksuzian, Martha
09-12-08	N Conway	Libby, Elizabeth	Abbott, Freeman	Martel, Sarah
09-26-08	N Conway	White, Berthe	Paillard, Theodore	Long, Medee
12-15-08	Freedom	Cobb, Leon	Cobb, Earl	Barton, Molly
12-17-08	Freedom	Bonnevie, Joseph	Bonnevie, Aime	Martin, Rose

Respectfully submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe,
Town Clerk

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FREEDOM

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008

Date of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence at time of marriage
05-27-07	Drexel, Jan Peter	Atlanta, GA
	Davidson, Heidi Elise	Conway, NH
03-01-08	Robbins, Nicholas E.	Freedom, NH
	Termure, Diana V.	Freedom, NH
03-22-08	Hayes, Brian P.	Freedom, NH
	Clausen, Diana L.	Freedom, NH
06-07-08	White, Jeffrey T.	Amity, OR
	Murphy, Ella L.	Amity, OR
06-14-08	Harrison, Matthew T.	Bridgton, ME
	Hachey, Samantha J.	Windham, ME
07-26-08	Dingman, James C.	Freedom, NH
	Kinkopf, Emily A.	Freedom, NH
08-31-08	Labonte, Kevin A.	Barrington, NH
	Pelletier, Susan J.	Barrington, NH
09-07-08	Quinton, Noel	Freedom, NH
	Beadle, Ann W.	Freedom, NH
09-28-08	Plante, Jack P.	Braintree, MA
	Pettengill, Sharon L.	Braintree, MA
10-05-08	Howden, Timothy J.	Brighton, MA
	Durham, Kristen T.	Brighton, MA
11-08-08	McCarthy, William R.	Freedom, NH
	LeClerc, Jennifer L.	Freedom, NH

Respectfully submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

SELECTMEN
Donna Cupka,Chairman
Leslie Babb
James Brown
Hours:
Monday 6:30 pm
Telephone: 539-6323

TOWN OFFICE HOURS
Monday thru Thurs 8am to 1pm
Telephone: 539-6323

TOWN CLERK
A. Elizabeth Priebe
Office Hours:
Monday and Wednesday
Evenings 6:30 to 8pm
Saturday: 9am to 12 noon
Telephone: 539-8269

TAX COLLECTOR
Annette Babb
Office Hours:
First Tuesday 7pm to 9pm
2nd & 4th Mondays 2:30pm to 3:30pm
Telephone: 539-5572

ZONING OFFICER
Ned Hatfield
Office Hours:
Thursday 9am – 2pm
Telephone: 539-6323

BUILDING CODE OFFICER
Robert Babine
Office Hours:
Thursday 9am – 2pm
Telephone: 539-6323

Meeting times and office hours are subject to change.

TOWN OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSING
Memorial Day 5/25/09
Labor Day 9/7/09
Columbus Day 10/12/09
Veterans Day 11/11/09
Thanksgiving Day 11/26/09
Civil Rights Day 1/18/10
Presidents Day 2/15/10

TOWN CLERK'S HOLIDAY CLOSING
Memorial Day 5/25/09
Old Home Day 8/1/09
Independence Day 7/4/09
Labor Day 9/7/09
Columbus Day10/12/09
Veterans Day 11/11/09
Christmas 12/26/09
Civil Rights Day 1/18/10
President's Day 2/15/10

TRANSFER/RECYCLING FACILITY
Winter Hours:
Begins Labor Day Week
Tues. & Sat. 8 am to 4pm
Sunday 11am to 4pm

Summer Hours:
Begins Memorial Day Weekend
Tues., Thurs. & Sat. 8 am to 4pm
Sun. 11am to 4pm
Telephone: 539-5364

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Josh Shackford, Chief
Office Hours:
Monday Evenings
6:30 to 8:00 pending
availability from services
Telephone: 539-8268

TOWN OF FREEDOM
REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Board or Committee of interest? _____

Resident: Yes No (circle one) Registered Voter: Yes No (circle one)

How long have you lived in Freedom? _____

Are you able to attend monthly meetings? _____

Have you served on any commissions or boards? _____

If so, which ones? _____

If not, what is your background or experience pertaining to this board or committee? _____

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Are you willing to attend classes and/or seminars to educate yourself about laws and procedures for the desired position? _____

Current clubs or organizations you are affiliated with: _____

_____

In your own words, why do you want to serve on this board or committee and what can you contribute? _____

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(Please use back or additional sheet, if necessary)

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please return this form to the Freedom Town Office or mail to:

Freedom Board of Selectmen
PO Box 227
Freedom, NH 03836